## **CITY OF EAST LANSING**

## EAST LANSING CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MEDICAL AMNESTY LEGISLATION SET FORTH IN MICHIGAN HOUSE OF **REPRESENTATIVES BILL 4876** 

WHEREAS, one of the primary responsibilities of the City of East Lansing is to safeguard and promote the health, safety and welfare of student residents, guests and visitors; the objectives of Medical Amnesty and Good Samaritan policies are to increase the likelihood of minors seeking needed medical attention for alcohol poisoning by decreasing potential consequences for both patient and reporter; and,

WHEREAS, such policies protect minors who require medical attention, as well as those who summon assistance, from possible policy violations or sanctions that may result; they also provide minors with the clarity and direction needed in order to make responsible, life-saving decisions during confusing and stressful situations; and,

WHEREAS, follow-up evaluations and counseling are fundamental components of any Medical Amnesty and Good Samaritan Policy; it is paramount that such follow-up be non-punitive so as not to serve as a deterrent to seeking medical attention; and,

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) has contributed significantly to advocating for a Medical Amnesty & Good Samaritan Policy; House Bill 4876 contains a critical provision that satisfies this objective.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of East Lansing hereby joins ASMSU in support of Medical Amnesty Legislation set forth in Michigan House of Representatives Bill 4876.

Victor W. Loomis, Jr.

Mayor

Moved by Council member:

**Triplett** 

Supported by Council member:

Beard

ADOPTED: Yeas:

5

Navs:

0

Absent:

0

CLERKS CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the East Lansing City Council at a public meeting held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, the original of which is part of the Council's minutes.

Nicole Evans, City Clerk

City of East Lansing

Ingham and Clinton Counties, MI