

Agenda Item # 4

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COUNTY BOARD, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ADJOURNED REGULAR SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2006 SESSION
APRIL 10, A.D., 2007

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD:

Your Chairman presents herewith a Resolution proclaiming the month of April as YouthBuild in Lake County, and requests its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,



Suzi Schmidt, Chairman
Lake County Board

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in Lake County, Illinois Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) and YouthBuild of Lake County established YouthBuild programs, to enable young people to complete their secondary education and to train them in marketable carpentry and construction skills; and

WHEREAS, YCC YouthBuild and YouthBuild of Lake County are part of the nationwide Youthbuild network which empowers low-income youth to transform their communities and their lives; and

WHEREAS, in YouthBuild programs nationwide, nearly 80% of graduates go on to college; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, 68,000 YouthBuild USA, YouthBuild students have built more than 16,000 affordable homes; and

WHEREAS, YCC YouthBuild and YouthBuild of Lake County have strong collaborations with community partners in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, YCC YouthBuild and YouthBuild of Lake County have both sent teams for a week to Gulf Port, Mississippi, where students restored homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, YCC YouthBuild and YouthBuild of Lake County are based on mutual respect between youths and adults, a commitment to education and lifelong learning, and performing community service as a way to demonstrate the appreciation of the youth participants for having the opportunity to learn and refocus their lives; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding youth participants and their staff will continue to work together to rebuild our community.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Lake declares April 2007 as YouthBuild Month in Lake County and honors the achievements of the youth participants in the YCC YouthBuild Program and YouthBuild of Lake County Program and expresses its appreciation to YouthBuild.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Lake calls on the Congress of the United States to do everything in its power to fully fund the federal YouthBuild program so that YCC YouthBuild and YouthBuild of Lake County and other programs throughout the country will be able to continue to serve young people in communities throughout our nation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the United States Senators Richard (Dick) J. Durbin and Barack Obama and United States Representative Mark Steven Kirk.

DATED, at WAUKEGAN, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, on this 10th day of April, A.D., 2007.