LaPORTE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10B

SUPPORTING VARIOUS LAPORTE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCYS' APPLICATION TO APPLY FOR HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFIC AREA (HIDTA) PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS, law enforcement personnel throughout LaPorte County, including the LaPorte County Sheriff's Department (LPCSD), the City of LaPorte Police Department (LPPD, and the Michigan City Police Department (MCPD), have witnessed an increase in the level of drug trafficking and drug related crimes within the municipal and rural areas of LaPorte County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the personnel of said law enforcement agencies reasonably believe that LaPorte County is now a significant center of illegal drug production, manufacturing, importation, and/or distribution; and

WHEREAS, drug related activities in the County of LaPorte, Indiana are having a significant harmful impact throughout the county and, as a result thereof, an increase in allocation of federal resources and funding is necessary to respond adequately to drug related activities within the county; and

WHEREAS, as a result thereof, through the collaborative efforts of the LPCSD, the LPPD, and the MCPD, an application has been carefully formulated, and will be submitted to the Executive Board of the Lake County, Indiana High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) for their review and evaluation during the month of November 2015; and

WHEREAS, if the Lake County, Indiana HIDTA approves said application, it would then be forwarded with a favorable recommendation to the Office of National Drug Control in Washington, D.C. for final review in February, 2016; and

WHEREAS, with a HIDTA designation, LaPorte County would have access to additional federal resources (*e.g.*, personnel, equipment, and testing, *etc.*) as well as federal funding to combat the proliferation of illicit narcotics and controlled substances in our county and its communities; and

WHEREAS, the HIDTA designation of LaPorte County would greatly promote the efficiency and effectiveness of joint enforcement initiatives with federal law enforcement authorities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LaPorte County Council declares as follows:

1. The aforementioned "**WHEREAS**" paragraphs are incorporated herein as if they were fully set forth herein.

2. The LaPorte County Council fully supports the various LaPorte County law enforcement agencies referenced above in their application for funding of and designation as a HIDTA area of operation.

INTRODUCED BY: _____

Councilman Randy Novak

Approved and adopted by the LaPorte County Council on this 26 day of October, 2015.

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Mark Yagelski, President

ATTEST:

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Joie Winski, Auditor