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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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A RESOLUTION

**SUPPORTING
THE MAHONING VALLEY FOOD CHARTER**

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WHEREAS, the Mahoning Valley Food Charter encourages a collaboration between government agencies, businesses, institutions, and non-profit organizations around the growth of a reliable and healthy local food system; and

WHEREAS, the Mahoning Valley Food Charter advocates for efforts to increase food access in neighborhoods throughout the city and county through corner stores, small businesses, farmers markets, community supported agriculture, mobile markets, buying clubs, cooperatives, or other neighborhood-based distribution systems; and

WHEREAS, the Mahoning Valley Food Charter integrates food systems with urban planning to insure housing, employment, and transportation patterns that support convenient and affordable access to food in urban neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Mahoning Valley Food Charter promotes nutrition programs and services that motivate behavior changes, and help with the prevention of diet-related diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Mahoning Valley Food Charter will work to adopt food purchasing practices for public institutions and government agencies that support local farmers and environmentally responsible businesses and invest resources in local capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Mahoning Valley Food Charter encourages urban agriculture in the form of home gardens, community gardens, and urban farms that increase food self-reliance, green the environment, improve fitness, provide youth employment, and enhance community development; and

WHEREAS, the Mahoning Valley Food Charter facilitates collaborations with rural communities to preserve agricultural land,

increase market access, economic viability and infrastructure to support and sustain area farmers; and

WHEREAS, the Mahoning Valley Food Charter fosters a civic culture that inspires young people, adults, and elders to adopt local seasonal eating habits and to work together to support food programs and markets that benefit health, social diversity, and ecological stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the Mahoning Valley Food Charter facilitates efforts to divert food waste, yard waste, and other organic wastes from solid waste streams to build soil fertility for local farms and gardens; and

WHEREAS, the Mahoning Valley Food Charter promotes education and services around food safety, food preservation, and food handling; and

WHEREAS, the Mahoning Valley Food Charter supports events that use food to highlight the multicultural traditions and histories of the Mahoning Valley's neighborhoods and communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1

That the Council of the City of Youngstown does hereby **support the Mahoning Valley Food Charter.**

SECTION 2

That the Clerk of Council is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to individuals as designated by Council.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 1st DAY OF June, 2011.

Charles P. Jammare
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Valencia Morrow
CITY CLERK

APPROVED: THIS 7th DAY OF June, 2011.

[Signature]
MAYOR

5-26-2011
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REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION

City of Youngstown, Ohio

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Attorney Iris Gugliucello

CC: City Council
File

From: Council as a Whole

Date: 5/23/2011

Re: REQUEST FOR RESOLUTION

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Please have your department prepare a resolution supporting the Mahoning Valley Food Charter.

Council as a Whole will sponsor this resolution.

Thank you in advance for your attention to and consideration of this request.

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IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO MEET THE EXPENDITURE HEREIN AUTHORIZED IS IN THE TREASURY, OR IN PROCESS OF COLLECTION, TO THE CREDIT OF THE PROPER FUND FROM WHICH PAYMENT CAN BE MADE.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE