

CITY OF WAYNE

PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, From William D. Wescott, the first postmaster in 1835, to Kevin T. Brandon, the 39th and current postmaster - a period of 174 years - Downtown Wayne has been the site of a post office to serve the people of Wayne and its surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, Different from other post offices, the current building at 3716 Newberry Street, dedicated on June 30, 1938, is owned by the Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, Future planning for Downtown Wayne, as set forth in The Wayne Project, The Andrews University Plan of 2006, cited the Post Office block and its strategic flanking blocks on Newberry Street as the "New Main Street" for Downtown Wayne; and

WHEREAS, Data readily available from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) shows that Wayne will continue to be a job center in the coming decades;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning Commission, consistent with its current work to develop a new Downtown Master Plan, declares its unqualified support for the uninterrupted continuation of active operations at the United States Post Office located at 3716 Newberry Street, Wayne, Michigan and that the Commission will work toward the development of land use policies to encourage the expansion and introduction of similar uses.

BASED ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HAWLEY, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER REDISKE, THE RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON AUGUST 17, 2009