Resolution No. 1510

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY TO ADOPT THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES' PLATFORM FOR STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

WHEREAS, strong families form the backbone of strong communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury considers the health and well-being of its children and youth to be a top priority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury recognizes that public safety, economic development, fiscal stability, a strong workforce, and an educated citizenry all depend on the investments and efforts made to help families and children succeed; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities has developed a City Platform for Strengthening Families and Improving Outcomes for Children and Youth, which outlines the essential tasks necessary for sustained progress, including identifying needs and priorities, promoting effective city-school collaboration, encouraging and supporting youth voice and leadership, and measuring progress over time; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities' Institute for Youth, Education, and Families will support municipalities' adoption and implementation of the City Platform by providing information, examples from other cities and towns, access to national experts, and monitoring of progress on the Platform's action steps, and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury is committed to implementing concrete action steps listed in the Platform, including Afterschool, Safety, Youth in Transition, and Neighborhoods and Communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury joins cities and towns across America in this nationwide initiative to promote family and youth friendly communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council members of the City of Salisbury, that the City of Salisbury adopts the National League of Cities' Platform for Strengthening Families and Improving Outcomes for Children and Youth, and will seek to establish the essential infrastructure for a sustained community effort to achieve the Platform's objectives. The above resolution was introduced, read and passed at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 9th day of April 2007.

Brenda J. Colegrove CITY CLERK Michael P. Dunn COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED BY ME THIS _____ day of April 2007.

Barrie P. Tilghman MAYOR