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BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Trustees of Union Township, Butler County, Ohio that:

A RESOLUTION UNDER REVISED CODE §503.161 AND §503.162 REQUESTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF UNION TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE TOWNSHIP'S NAME SHOULD BE CHANGED TO WEST CHESTER TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, on June 22, 1823, the Butler County Commissioners officially created Union Township by splitting thirty-five (35) square miles from Liberty Township; and,

WHEREAS, twenty-eight (28) other Union Townships exist in Ohio, including nearby Warren and Clermont Counties, the commonality of which has resulted in substantial confusion among the Townships, who often receive each others' mail, bills, citizens' complaints, legal notices, lawsuits, phone calls, and even emergency phone calls; and,

WHEREAS, since 1826, the local Postal Branch has been known as West Chester, and for some time thereafter Union Township, Butler County, Ohio has been using the name West Chester when promoting and referring to the community; and,

WHEREAS, the preponderance of the residents in Union Township are served by the West Chester, Ohio 45069 Postal Branch; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of Union Township, Butler County, Ohio that the Township name be changed from Union Township to West Chester Township, because it will reduce substantial identification problems, will reduce increasingly frequent confusion that results from neighboring Union Township governments, and will give Township citizens the unique sense of identity that the name West Chester provides;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Union Township, Butler County, Ohio:

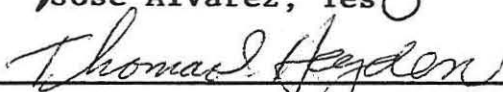
Section 1. The Township Clerk and Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to have placed on the next primary election ballot on March 7, 2000, the question of whether the Township of Union shall change its name to West Chester Township.

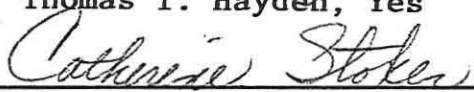
Section 2. In these respects, the Township Clerk and Administrator shall ensure that at least forty-five (45) days before the election on this question, notice of the election and an explanation of the reasons for the proposed name change shall occur in a newspaper of general circulation within Union Township for three (3) consecutive weeks and such notice of election shall be posted, together with an explanation of the reasons for the proposed name change in five (5) conspicuous places in the unincorporated areas of Union Township, Butler County, Ohio.

Section 3. Pursuant to applicable provisions of the Revised Code, the change in the name of Union Township, Butler County, Ohio shall not alter the rights or liabilities of the Township as previously named.

Adopted the 9th day of November, 19 99


Jose Alvarez, Yes


Thomas I. Hayden, Yes


Catherine Stoker, Yes
Township Trustees

Attest: 
Township Clerk

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ance with that process, the Trustees, after first holding a public hearing on October 26, 1999 by unanimous vote, on Nov. 9, 1999, resolved to submit to the electors of Union Township, Butler County, Ohio, the issue of whether the Township should change its name to West Chester Township. The trustees voted to permit the electorate to determine whether to change the name of Union Township for a number of reasons, the foremost of which is the increasing confusion among the citizens of the various township of Ohio named Union Township.

The land that is today known as Union Township, Butler County, was first settled by Joseph McMaken in 1795. The Township itself was brought into existence on June 22, 1823, when the Butler County Commissioners created Union Township by splitting thirty-five (35) square miles from Liberty Township.

In 1824, the first post office was opened in Union Township, near the Village of Mechanicsburg. It was called the Chester Postal Branch. In 1826, the names of both the branch and vil-

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lage were changed to West Chester. These changes led to the community's long-standing identification as West Chester, Ohio. Today, the preponderance of the residents in Union Township are served by the West Chester, Ohio 45069 Postal Branch.

Increasingly, however, Union Township, Butler County, is confused with some of the twenty-eight (28) other Union Townships in Ohio. In fact, there is a Union Township as close by as Warren County and Clermont County. As a result of the commonality of names, Union Townships often receive each other's mail, bills, legal notice, lawsuits, telephone calls, and even emergency calls.

Accordingly, the Trustees of Union Township, Butler County, Ohio have determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Union Township, Butler County, Ohio that the Township name be changed from Union Township to West Chester Township, because it will reduce or eliminate substantial identification problems will reduce the increasingly frequent confusion that results from neighboring Union Township governments, and will

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give Township citizens the unique sense of identity that the name West Chester provides.

It is in this historical context that on March 7, 2000 the Township citizenry will vote on whether to change the name of Union Township to West Chester Township.

BOARD OF UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Jose T. Alvarez
President

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Vice President

Catherine Stoker
Trustee

ATTEST: Patricia Williams

**Township Clerk/
Treasurer**

**January 19, 26, 2000
February 2, 2000**

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Please take notice that on September 8, 1998, the Trustees of Union Township, Butler County, Ohio, began the process of having the Township's name changed to West Chester Township. In accord-