

A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL CASA ASSOCIATION JEWELERS FOR CHILDREN GRANT PROGRAM TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND THE WASHTENAW COUNTY CASA PROGRAM.

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 1, 2008

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Trial Court initially established a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for abused and neglected children) program in 1987; and

WHEREAS, the CASA Program provides highly trained volunteers to advocate for the needs of abused and neglected children who are the subjects of civil child abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County CASA Program began a successful expansion effort in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Jewelers for Children (JFC) - the industry organization of jewelry retailers, manufacturers, watch companies and trade associations – has partnered with National CASA to offer grants to local programs to expand the number of CASA volunteers providing advocacy to abused or neglected children; and

WHEREAS, this grant will enable the Washtenaw County CASA Program to continue a successful expansion effort and enhance our community outreach and volunteer retention efforts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the submission of a grant application to National CASA Association Jewelers for Children grant program in the amount of \$10,000 for the period of December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby takes the following actions contingent upon receipt of the grant award in conformity with the application:

1. Authorizing the County Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award and
2. Amending the budget as attached hereto and made a part hereof.