

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO DENISE D. DALRYMPLE  
FOR NEARLY FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO  
THE WASHTENAW COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 1, 2008

WHEREAS, Denise Dalrymple joined Washtenaw County Government in April 1994 as the Children's Services Program Manager and established the first state-endorsed, multi-purpose human services collaborative body in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Denise Dalrymple was appointed as the first Children's Services Department Head in 1998, at which time she was assigned the administration of the juvenile detention program; and

WHEREAS, Denise Dalrymple was assigned the administration of Washtenaw County's day treatment program in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Denise Dalrymple's professional drive and vision guided the construction of the Washtenaw County Youth Center, dedicated on December 6, 2002 -- a state of the art, maximum security juvenile detention and day treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, Denise Dalrymple's commitment to Washtenaw County Guiding Principle #4, "Provide the necessary knowledge, skills, and resources to County employees", resulted in significant infrastructure development including a comprehensive policy and procedure manual aligned with national accreditation standards, as well as over 150 training modules that are utilized to assure ongoing staff proficiency in all aspects of Youth Center operations; and

WHEREAS, Denise Dalrymple has led Washtenaw County's Youth Development Initiative, including Washtenaw Area Teens for Tomorrow (WATT), and Teen Center Without Walls (TCW2) since 2002; and

WHEREAS, Denise Dalrymple has served as a founding member and Secretary of the Washtenaw Funder's Forum, a consortium of public government and private foundation funders in the county established in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Denise Dalrymple, during her tenure with Washtenaw County, has effectively administered over \$20 million dollars in grant funding to local not-for-profit organizations for Children's Well-Being and Human Services initiatives on behalf of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1996 Denise Dalrymple was recognized by her colleagues and was selected by the County Administrator's Office as Manager of the Year for excellence in professional management; and

WHEREAS, on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003 Denise Dalrymple was honored by the County Administrator's Office with a Leadership in County Government award recognizing the successful transition of the day treatment and juvenile detention programs to the newly constructed facility; and

WHEREAS, on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Denise Dalrymple was recognized by the County Administrator's Office with a Leadership in County Government award for excellence in the area of youth development acknowledging the implementation of the Washtenaw Area Teens for Tomorrow (WATT) initiative; and

WHEREAS, Denise Dalrymple has accepted a new professional position outside of Washtenaw County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby extends its heartfelt appreciation to Denise D. Dalrymple for her nearly fifteen (15) years of service to the Washtenaw County Children's Services Department and wishes her continued success and fulfillment in every future endeavor.