

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-009 OF THE LAPORTE
COUNTY, INDIANA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Indiana Workforce Development (hereinafter referred to as "WorkOne") has recently announced a new requirement that recipients of unemployment insurance benefits must periodically present themselves at a WorkOne office for either re-certification or in-person interviews, and

WHEREAS, in the midst of a difficult recession, unemployment compensation benefits remain a critical source of income support for many LaPorte County residents who, through no fault of their own, have lost a job either through a layoff or other reason, and

WHEREAS, the county's only full-service WorkOne office is on the south side of LaPorte as the Michigan City WorkOne office was closed several years ago, and

WHEREAS, many recipients of unemployment compensation reside in Michigan City and do not have private transportation and currently no inter-urban bus service exists between Michigan City and LaPorte, and

WHEREAS, significant number of unemployed reside in Michigan City and the new requirement for in-person verification of benefits makes it imperative that a full service WorkOne office be located within Michigan City. Furthermore, with Michigan City continuing to be burdened by unemployment rates that are higher than the state and national average, it is critical that Michigan City residents have convenient access to a local WorkOne office that provides needed job postings and training options. All such factors combine to make it highly desirable that the State of Indiana re-open such an office in a population center like Michigan City.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA THAT:**

1. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to any state legislator representing a portion of LaPorte County with a request that each such legislator make a request to the state administration that a full service Work One office be re-established and re-opened to serve the public in Michigan City, Indiana.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Office of Governor Mike Pence and to the Office of Lt. Governor Sue Ellsperman making clear the strong sense of this body that it is imperative that the State of Indiana take any and all reasonable and necessary steps to immediately re-establish and re-open a full service WorkOne office in Michigan City, Indiana.

All of which is resolved this 2nd day of October, 2013.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

Attest:



