

**The Traverse City Human Rights Commission**  
**A Resolution To Award Annual Recognition for Humanitarian Efforts by Regional Organizations**

WHEREAS, the Human Rights Commission strives to ensure human dignity through advocacy, education, negotiation, and information to ensure understanding and respect among all residents of and visitors to Traverse City; and

WHEREAS, the Human Rights Commission was formed to foster mutual understanding and respect among all groups and to discourage discriminatory practices, to provide programs of education and information in cooperation with community groups in eliminating prejudice and discrimination, and receive and act as conciliator regarding occurrences of acts of prejudice or discrimination,

WHEREAS, since 1993, the Human Rights Commission has annually recognized one or more individuals for their humanitarian efforts in areas that meet the goals and purpose of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Human Rights Commission is aware that an increasing number of local businesses, non-profits, and non-governmental organizations promote humanitarian efforts among their staff, with their funding, and for the benefit of the public; and

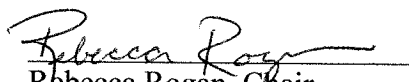
WHEREAS, the Human Rights Commission desires to recognize these contributions and achievements by the award of public recognition and gratitude.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Human Rights Commission may recognize one or more organizations annually for outstanding contributions to local humanitarian efforts that meet the purposes and goals of the Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Commission makes such an award, nominations will be solicited a reasonable amount of time prior to the award ceremony.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any person may nominate an organization with which they have no affiliation by submitting an application, which describes the reasons the person believes the organization warrants recognition for humanitarian efforts.

Signed:

  
Rebecca Rogan, Chair  
Human Rights Commission