

**Office of the Supervisor and
Board of Trustees of DeKalb Township**

**Resolution Honoring Big Brothers Big Sisters and Declaring January
2012 Mentoring Month in DeKalb Township**

WHEREAS, mentoring is a longstanding tradition in which a dependable, caring adult provides guidance, support, and encouragement to facilitate a young person's social, emotional, and cognitive development; and

WHEREAS, continued research on mentoring shows that formal, high-quality mentoring focused on developing the competence and character of the mentee promotes positive outcomes, such as improved academic achievement, self-esteem, social skills, and career development; and

WHEREAS, further research on mentoring provides strong evidence that mentoring successfully reduces substance use and abuse, academic failure, and delinquency; and

WHEREAS, mentoring, in addition to preparing young people for school, work, and life, is extremely rewarding for those serving as mentors; and

WHEREAS, mentoring partnerships between the public and private sectors bring State and local leaders together to support mentoring programs by preventing duplication of efforts, offering training in industry best practices, and making the most of limited resources to benefit young people in the DeKalb Township; and

WHEREAS, for over 100 years nationally and over 40 years in DeKalb County, the Big Brothers Big Sisters program has defined the meaning and refined the importance of youth mentoring; and

WHEREAS, the Big Brothers Big Sisters professional staff uses the one-to-one mentoring system to match one child with one adult volunteer, paving the way for enduring relationships that will have life changing impacts; and

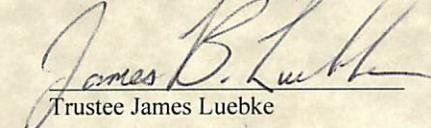
WHEREAS; research shows that Little Brothers and Little Sisters do better in school, feel better about themselves, and have better peer relationships, which leads to a positive ripple effect that directly contributes to stronger schools, better communities and brighter futures; and

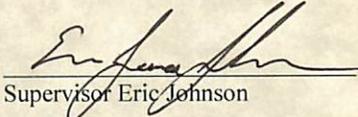
WHEREAS; the designation of January 2012 as "Mentoring Month" will help call attention to the critical role mentors play in helping young people realize their potential; and

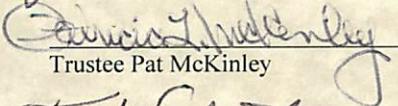
WHEREAS; a month-long celebration of mentoring will encourage more individuals and organizations, including schools, businesses, nonprofit organizations, faith institutions, and foundations, to become engaged in mentoring across the DeKalb Township and

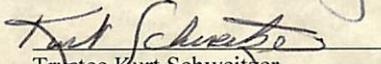
THEREFORE, Eric Johnson, DeKalb Township Supervisor, and the Board of Trustees in DeKalb Township, in recognition of the mentoring programs offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters of DeKalb County and in support of mentoring programs throughout the Township, State, and Nation, do hereby resolve the month of January, this year 2012, as Mentoring Month in DeKalb Township, and urge all citizens to join in an effort to support and participate in mentoring programs. Dated this 11th day of January, 2012.

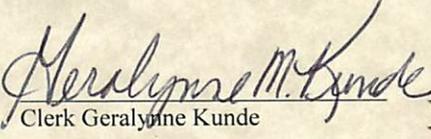
IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have here unto set our hands and caused the seal of DeKalb Township to be affixed hereto.

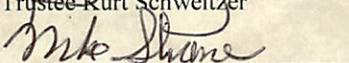

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