

**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO
RESOLUTION #2008-17**

A resolution urging Antioch University to keep the College opened.

WHEREAS Antioch College has been the preeminent institution in the village since its beginnings in 1853;

WHEREAS its founding under the leadership of Horace Mann and its revitalization in the 1920's under the leadership Arthur Morgan earned Antioch College a national recognition that has redounded to the benefit of the village;

WHEREAS the philosophies of these two leaders engendered programs of progressive education that continue to attract socially aware and committed faculty, staff, and students;

WHEREAS this unique character of the Antioch College community has made it an important contributor to the village's overall economic health and cultural vitality, including the establishment and support of many major businesses and organizations like Glen Helen, WYSO, and the Coretta Scott King Center;

WHEREAS Council has determined that the village requires significant economic development if it is to meet projected budgetary challenges successfully;

WHEREAS the decision by Antioch University's Board of Trustees to suspend operations of Antioch College and perhaps to close it permanently, unless rescinded, will cause serious harm not only to the families of its staff who will lose their jobs but will also seriously exacerbate the village's economic challenges;

WHEREAS the Antioch College Continuation Corporation is in discussions with Antioch University about possible ways to keep Antioch College open;

WHEREAS proposals by the Antioch College Continuation Corporation include the investment of millions of dollars for renovation and new construction of Antioch College's infrastructure and buildings and for operational costs;

WHEREAS that investment and the revitalization of the College would represent an incalculable contribution to the village's economic development program as well as a boon to the village's cultural life;

WHEREAS Council in the past has actively endeavored to retain important institutions, including both Antioch College and Antioch University McGregor; and

WHEREAS a revitalized Antioch College would strengthen the programs of Antioch University McGregor as well as the offerings of other cultural organizations in the village and region;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS,
OHIO HEREBY RESOLVES THAT:**

Section 1. The Council for the Village of Yellow Springs urges Antioch University's Board of Trustees to continue its discussions with the Antioch College Continuation Corporation to keep the college open.

Judith Hempfling, President of Council

Passed: May 5, 2008

ATTESTED: _____
Deborah Benning, Clerk of Council

ROLL CALL:

Judith Hempfling Yes

Karen Wintrow Yes

Kathryn Van der Heiden Yes

John Booth Yes

Lori Askeland Yes