

Illinois State Board of Education
Resolution



**Recognizing the Illinois Civic Mission Coalition and the McCormick Foundation
for the Illinois Civic Blueprint for Illinois High Schools**

Whereas, the Illinois Civic Mission Coalition is a broad, non-partisan consortium including educators, administrators, students, universities, elected officials, policymakers and representatives from the private and non-profit sectors; and

Whereas, the Illinois Civic Mission Coalition is a part of the Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools, a national initiative to restore a core purpose of education to prepare America's youngest citizens to be informed and active participants in our democracy; and

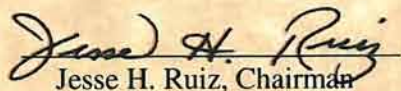
Whereas, quality civic education opportunities are vital for all students and should be part of every student's school experience at every grade level; and

Whereas, the Illinois Civic Mission Coalition and the McCormick Foundation sponsored an *Educating for Democracy* conference on February 9-10, 2009, attended by members of the Illinois Civic Mission Coalition, leaders of state civic education organizations, and educators to advance the cause of civic education in the State of Illinois; and

Whereas, a civic blueprint was created to guide Illinois High Schools in their role to encourage students to become active and informed citizens of our democracy as part of the *Educating for Democracy conference*; and

Whereas, the **Civic Blueprint for Illinois High Schools** is designed to give educators, policymakers, parents and all residents of Illinois promising approaches to high school level civic education, examples of Illinois high schools, educators and students using these approaches, recommendations for implementing these approaches in high schools across Illinois, and resources that support schools and communities in promoting the civic engagement of Illinois High School Students;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Illinois State Board of Education recognizes the **Illinois Civic Mission Coalition and the McCormick Foundation** for developing the **Civic Blueprint for Illinois High Schools**, and supports their ongoing efforts to improve civic education and the civic engagement of high school students in Illinois.

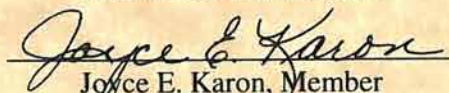

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