

1. Resolution Recognizing Sacred Beginnings as a Local Civic Organization



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# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

**DATE:** March 25, 2025

**TO:** Mark Washington, City Manager

**COMMITTEE:** Fiscal Committee

**LIAISON:** Scott Saindon, Acting Chief Financial Officer

**FROM:** Philip Strom, Deputy City Attorney  
Department of Law

**SUBJECT:** **Resolution Recognizing Sacred Beginnings as a Local Civic Organization**

Attached is a letter from CJ Dolehanty, Executive Director of Sacred Beginnings, requesting the recognition of their organization as a local civic organization for purposes of obtaining a license from the Bureau of State Lottery. The letter includes a brief description of the nature of the organization and the work it conducts for the community.

The organization's Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation and Tax Exemption Letter are also on file in our office if you should desire to see them.

Attached is a resolution by which the City Commission can grant the requested recognition if it so chooses.

Your FISCAL COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution Recognizing Sacred Beginnings as a local civic organization pursuant to MCLA 432.103a(i)(ii).

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RESOLVED that the City Commission hereby finds that, to the best of its knowledge, Sacred Beginnings exists as a non-profit local civic organization which conducts a major portion of its activities within the City of Grand Rapids and, therefore, hereby officially recognizes Sacred Beginnings as a local civic organization pursuant to MCLA 432.103a(i)(ii).

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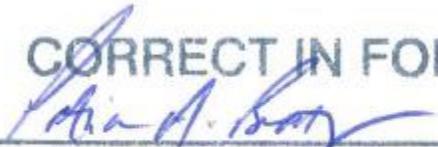
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City Attorney's Office  
300 Monroe Ave., NW, Room 620  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Dear Mayor David LaGrand,

Sacred Beginnings Transitional Homes is requesting the recognition of your group as a local civic organization for the purpose of obtaining a license from the Bureau of State Lottery.

Sacred Beginnings is a survivor-led organization that works with victims trapped in sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Sacred Beginnings has touched the lives of over 23,503 people during community outreach and served 2,410 residents since opening their doors.

We will be raising this money at our 2025 Gala by means of raffle, silent auction, and donations.

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