

**RESOLUTION
WALK FOR WARMTH 2006**

WHEREAS on October 18, 2005 the Michigan Public Service Commission, with the concurrence of Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, declared a finding of emergency due to the rise in heating costs in Michigan and in response established rules for utility billing practices during the winter months; and

WHEREAS low-income households experience more difficulty in sustaining shelter costs and affording the higher winter heating expenses; and

WHEREAS loss of utilities is often one step away from homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the most frequent type of call to the Ottawa County 211 information and referral line during the past several years has been request for utility bill payment assistance; and

WHEREAS the mission of the Ottawa County Community Action Agency is to reduce the effects of poverty in Ottawa County by promoting self-sufficiency and economic independence; and

WHEREAS for many years the Community Action Agency has significantly and compassionately improved the quality of life for the citizens of Ottawa County by providing budget counseling, food, housing, transportation, medical and utility assistance; and

WHEREAS the Community Action Agency will sponsor the 16th annual Walk for Warmth on Saturday, February 25, 2006 to raise funds for the increasing need for emergency utility assistance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Georgetown Charter Township, County of Ottawa, State of Michigan, that February 25, 2006 is proclaimed "Walk for Warmth Day" in the Township of Georgetown and the Board urges all Georgetown Township citizens to show compassion by contributing time and money to this most worthy and necessary event.

Resolution declared adopted on _____.

R. J. Poel
Georgetown Charter Township Clerk