

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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**HEAD, MESSMER, ARNOLD,
RAATZ**

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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2 Street program for thirty years of service to Indiana cities and towns.

3 *Whereas, The National Main Street Center was established*
4 *by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1980;*

5 *Whereas, Since its inception, the center has grown to*
6 *become the largest full-service commercial district*
7 *revitalization organization in the nation;*

8 *Whereas, Recognizing the crucial role the downtown*
9 *business district plays in the overall image of a community, the*
10 *Indiana General Assembly established the Indiana Main Street*
11 *program in 1985 to encourage the economic development,*
12 *redevelopment, and improvement of downtown areas in Indiana*
13 *cities and towns;*

14 *Whereas, Indiana Main Street is advised by the Main Street*
15 *Advisory Council, a public/private advisory board appointed by*
16 *Lieutenant Governor Sue Ellspermann;*

17 *Whereas, Indiana Main Street emphasizes building local*
18 *capacity and self-sufficiency through technical assistance and*
19 *encourages local businesses, residents, and leaders to get*
20 *involved in community projects;*



1 *Whereas, In order to address all the needs of the*
 2 *community, Indiana Main Street uses the National Main Street*
 3 *Center's four point approach for improving downtown areas:*
 4 *design, organization, promotion, and economic restructuring;*

5 *Whereas, The National Main Street revitalization project*
 6 *has proven to be one of the most successful economic*
 7 *development strategies in America;*

8 *Whereas, Research has shown that, on a national average,*
 9 *for every dollar spent to operate a local Main Street program,*
 10 *approximately thirty-three dollars has been reinvested in the*
 11 *community;*

12 *Whereas, Numerous local communities throughout Indiana*
 13 *have benefitted from the Indiana Main Street program's*
 14 *services to revitalize downtown communities over the past*
 15 *thirty years, with 121 communities currently participating; and*

16 *Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly expresses sincere*
 17 *gratitude to the Indiana Main Street program for its ongoing*
 18 *efforts to renew downtown business districts throughout*
 19 *Indiana: Therefore,*

20 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
 21 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

22 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly commends the
 23 Indiana Main Street program, under the Office of Community and
 24 Rural Affairs, and the Main Street Advisory Council, as well as all of
 25 the businesses and community members that have participated in local
 26 programs, for their efforts to improve community image.

27 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
 28 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Lieutenant Governor Sue
 29 Ellspermann; Bill Konyha, Executive Director of the Office of
 30 Community and Rural Affairs; Shae Kmicikewycz, Program Director
 31 for Indiana Main Street; members of the Main Street Advisory Council:
 32 Mark Dollase, Todd Thackeray, Mayor Robert Hurst, Jeremy Sowders,
 33 and Dennis Carson; and former First Lady Judy O'Bannon.

