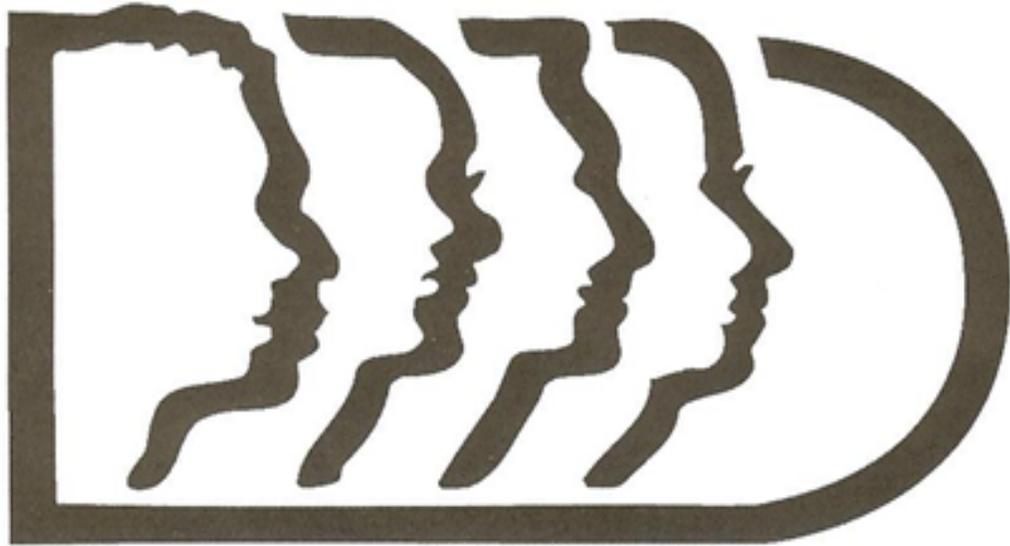


# **DHRC – RESOLUTION**

## **CESSATION OF ILLEGAL GANG FORMATION IN DOVER, DELAWARE 2013**



**Submitted By: Roy Sudler, Jr.**

**August 12, 2013**

**Chairman DHRC**

**A. RESOLUTION: CESSATION OF ILLEGAL GANG FORMATION  
IN DOVER, DELAWARE**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Whereas;** The City of Dover, the State Capital, strives to be a model for all cities in Delaware and the United States.

**Whereas;** The Mayor and City Council have granted Powers and Duties to the Dover Human Relations Commission, **Pursuant to Article II. Sec. 58-31.**

**Whereas; Article II Sec. 58-31 titles (2), (4) and (5)** charges the DHRC with developing ways to measure and monitor community relations and offer a range of programs and services that will help Dover residents identify and resolve issues of human relations; anticipating, preparing for, and relieving community tensions arising from intergroup conflict.  
(Code 1981, § 2-16; Ord. of 2-11-2002)

**Whereas;** The Dover Human Relations Commission through open discussion with members of the community and the knowledge of local events has found that gun possession and illegal gang activity is at an all-time high.

**Whereas;** Illegal gangs are a group of individuals consisting of three or more persons whose demoralizing influence, common interest, attitude and graffiti signs significantly contribute to the commission of disruptive behavior and criminal enterprises in the City of Dover.

**Whereas;** The number of illegal gang organizations in Dover and Kent County has increased over the last few years, cultivating an environment of psychic imprisonment, mistrust and fear among citizens of Dover.

**Whereas;** Illegal gang culture and activities have played a significant role in student dropout rates, drug activity and random acts of violence, often leaving innocent bystanders paralyzed and traumatized for life.

**Whereas;** Illegal gang graffiti promoting hate, fear and danger has defaced public and private sector facilities, impeding home and business owner's rights to market or enjoy their property, without unwelcomed and unauthorized graffiti signs.

**Therefore, Be it Resolved;** That the Residents of Dover, Delaware, the Mayor, City Council, Dover Police Department, Delaware Department of Justice and the Dover Human Relations Commission have observed with dismay the escalation of gang growth and development in our communities and will merge resources and efforts to intensify the pursuit of eliminating illegal gang formation, activities, and communication, including the display of graffiti signs in Dover, Delaware.

**Be it Further Resolved;** That we will accomplish this goal and establish a New Community and Family Involvement Paradigm for Cessation of Illegal Gang Formation by

1. Cleaning up our streets together, showing resistance to illegal gang formation and unwelcomed graffiti signs through unity and clear purpose;
2. Increasing individual's awareness and accountability for reporting known illegal gang activity and \ or formation in your community.
3. Strengthening parent and family involvement in the childrearing and educational process
4. Implementing and supporting additional intervention and summer programs; and
5. Providing additional funding to the Dover Police Department through grants and other resources to establish additional police stations in areas with high volumes of crime to protect Dover residents from being a target of bias-motivated violence in the City of Dover.

**RESOLUTION:  
CESSATION OF  
ILLEGAL GANG  
FORMATION IN  
DOVER, DELAWARE**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Whereas;** The City of Dover, the State Capital, strives to be a model for all Cities in Delaware and the United State.

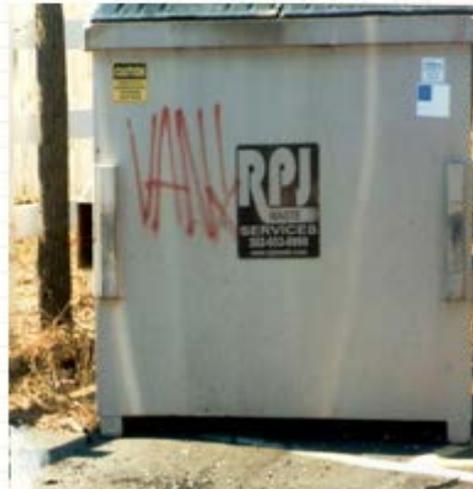
**Whereas;** The Mayor and City Council have granted Powers and Duties to the Dover Human Relations Commission, Pursuant to **Article II. Sec. 58-31.**



**OJJDP FY 2012 Defending  
Childhood Resource Center:**

- **Improving the Nation's  
Response to Children  
Expose to Violence.**

**Private Sector  
North DuPont Highway**



# Downtown Dover



# Private Sector South Little Creek Rd.

