## **RESOLUTION NO. 9405**

## **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, research has shown a great racial disparity in our county jail population, especially an over-representation of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, racial disparity in the criminal justice system has become an issue of vital importance both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Board seeks to take positive steps to address the issue of racial disparity in the jail population and in the criminal justice system more broadly;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Champaign County Board that a Racial Justice Task Force shall be appointed by the Chair of the Champaign County Board and will report its findings, including a list of recommended actions to address issues of racial disparity, to the Champaign County Board within a time frame and format to be agreed upon by the County Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Champaign County Board that this Resolution shall sunset eighteen months from the date of enactment.

**PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED and RECORDED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, A.D. 2015.

Pattsi Petrie, Chair Champaign County Board

ATTEST:

Gordy Hulten, Champaign County Clerk And Ex-Officio Clerk of the County Board