**TITLE VI COMPLAINT PROCEDURE**

Any person who believes that he or she as a member of a protected class, has been discriminated against based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, religion, low income status, sexual orientation, or Limited English Proficiency in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and its related statutes, regulations and directives, Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, as amended, and any other Federal nondiscrimination statute may submit a complaint. A complaint may also be submitted by a representative on behalf of such a person.

It is the policy of Pulaski County, Indiana, to conduct a prompt and impartial investigation of all allegations of discrimination and to take prompt effective corrective action when a claim of discrimination is substantiated.

No one may intimidate, threaten, coerce or engage in other discriminatory conduct against anyone because they have taken action or participated in an action to secure rights protected by the civil rights laws. Any individual alleging such harassment or intimidation may submit a complaint by following the procedure printed below.

Any individual who feels that he or she has been discriminated against may submit a written or verbal complaint. The complaint must be submitted within 180 days of the alleged discrimination. Complaint forms may be found on Pulaski County’s website, or at the Commissioner’s Office. Individuals are not required to use Pulaski County’s complaint form and may submit a complaint in any format that includes the name, address and telephone number of the individual complaining and brief description of the alleged discriminatory conduct including the date of harm. An individual submitting a complaint alleging discrimination may include relevant evidence, including the names of witnesses and supporting documentation. A complaint must be signed by the complainant.

Generally a complaint should include the name, address and telephone number of the individual complaining (complainant) and a brief description of the alleged discriminatory conduct including the date of harm. An individual submitting a complaint alleging discrimination may include any relevant evidence, including the names of witnesses and supporting documentation.

Complaints should be directed to:

Shelia Garling

Title VI Coordinator

112 E. Main St.

Room # 200

Winamac, IN 46996

574-946-3653

Within 60 days of the receipt of the complaint Pulaski County will conduct an investigation of the allegation based on the information provided and issue a written report of its findings to the complainant. Pulaski County will try to obtain an informal voluntary resolution to all complaints at the lowest level possible.

A complainant’s identity shall be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to conduct an investigation. All complaints shall be kept confidential.

These procedures do not deny the right of any individual to file a formal complaint with any government agency or affect an individual’s right to seek private counsel for any complaint alleging discrimination.

Complaints may also be filed with the following government agencies:

Indianapolis District EEOC Office

101 West Ohio Street, Ste 1900

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Phone: (800) 669-4000

Fax: (317) 226-7953

TTY: 1 (800) 669-6820

Indiana Civil Rights Commission

100 N. Senate Ave., Room N103

Indianapolis, IN 46204

Toll Free: 1 (800) 628-2909

Phone: (317) 232-2600

Fax: (317) 232-6560

Hearing Impaired: 1 (800) 743-3336