

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Sturgis, County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on July 23, 2014, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan 1976.



Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer

Commissioners present: Sisson, Austermann, Taulbee, Huber, Dvorak, Littman, Gay, Vice-Mayor Hile, Mayor Malone

Commissioners absent: None

Moved by Comm. Sisson and seconded by Comm. Hile to adopt the resolution supporting Proposal 1 as presented.

Voting yea: Nine

Voting nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSAL 1 ON THE AUGUST 5, 2014
BALLOT

WHEREAS, local governments in Michigan have struggled with unstable funding needed to provide services and Michigan businesses have struggled with an uncompetitive tax on business; and

WHEREAS, small businesses and manufacturers power our economy and are the largest contributor to job growth in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, no other state in our region taxes business equipment the way Michigan does – and most of those states don't tax it at all, which makes Michigan significantly less competitive when it comes to job creation and business investment; and

WHEREAS, Michigan communities have struggled for years to pay for essential services like police, fire, ambulances, schools and jails; and

WHEREAS, Michigan communities have relied on this shrinking source of Personal Property Tax revenue to provide other community services as well, including roads, transportation and libraries; and

WHEREAS, with bipartisan support the Michigan Legislature has voted to reform the antiquated personal property tax to help increase Michigan's competitiveness with other states and remove an onerous tax that will allow more business investment and create more jobs while providing a stable revenue source for local communities; and

WHEREAS, this is not a constitutional amendment but the state constitution requires Michigan voters to approve certain changes in local taxes; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 on the August 5, 2014 ballot, will make Michigan more competitive, which will help local communities to attract more businesses and talent and create local jobs; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 is supported by the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Townships Association, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Michigan Association of Police Organizations, Michigan Community College Association, Michigan Farm Bureau, the Small Business Association of Michigan, Michigan Sheriffs Association, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Independent Businesses and the Michigan Manufacturers Association, among others; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Sturgis hereby expresses its strong support for Proposal 1 to eliminate the personal property tax and strengthen our communities. We urge our residents to vote YES on Proposal 1 on the August 5, 2014, ballot; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to State Representative Matt Lori and State Senators Bruce Caswell and John Proos.