**The City/Village of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s**

**Resolution in Support of Fiscal Sanity to Save
Michigan’s Communities**

**WHEREAS, all Michigan cities and villages are facing unprecedented fiscal stress, and;**

**WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has systematically failed to fully fund statutory revenue sharing, and;**

**WHEREAS, since 2002 the State of Michigan has diverted $7.5 billion dollars away from local service delivery and used those dollars to fund state operations, and;**

**WHEREAS, the city/village of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would have received $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in statutory revenue sharing had the Legislature fulfilled its obligation to fully fund the program, and;**

**WHEREAS, for fully-developed communities, property taxes can represent fifty percent or more of a local government’s General Fund budget, and;**

**WHEREAS, the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A combine to lock-in a huge fiscal deficit in a community’s property tax revenue, and;**

**WHEREAS, the city/village of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_has lost $\_\_\_\_\_\_in residential SEV in the last \_\_\_\_years, resulting in a yearly loss of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in property tax revenue, and;**

**WHEREAS, the implementing language of Proposal A eliminated “roll-ups” as provided for in the Headlee Amendment, the elimination of this self-correcting mechanism creates an almost permanent reduction of the millage authority of local government, and;**

**WHEREAS, further, the elimination of Headlee roll ups takes away a self-correcting tool that was historically viewed as part of the Headlee formula until 1994. And as a result, millage capacity is being effectively eliminated, and;**

**WHEREAS, the Headlee Amendment, while intended to constrain taxation, was never intended to destroy the fiscal viability of Michigan’s local governments, and;**

**WHEREAS, Michigan’s cities and villages are the CENTERS OF OUR ECONOMY, which maintain the infrastructure and services that support the vast majority of our state’s jobs, and;**

**WHEREAS, a recent study found that MICHIGAN’S METROPOLITAN AREAS ACCOUNT FOR 89% OF THE STATE’S JOBS and 88% of its gross domestic product, and;**

**WHEREAS, the future of Michigan depends on its cities and villages being successful competitors in the 21st Century economy, and since they cannot do so without sufficient resources – including the full amount of state statutory revenue sharing;**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city/village of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_urges both chambers of the Michigan Legislature, their leaders, and the Governor to immediately restore the full amount of statutory revenue sharing to Michigan’s cities and villages.**