

A Resolution in Support of Proposal 1 for Safer Roads

WHEREAS, Michigan's roads and bridges threaten driver safety and contribute to countless accidents each year, as drivers swerve to avoid potholes and other road hazards; and

WHEREAS, 38 percent of Michigan's state- and locally-owned urban roads and 32 percent of the state's state- and locally-owned rural roads are in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has relied on Band-Aid, short-term fixes for our roads instead of investing enough money to fix our roads for the long term; and

WHEREAS, Michigan invests less per capita in transportation than any state in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the longer we wait to fix Michigan's roads, the more it will cost us; and

WHEREAS, in addition to threatening public safety, Michigan's crumbling roads hurt our economy; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot is Michigan's last, best chance to finally fix our roads with funds that the politicians can't divert somewhere else – while also supporting Michigan's long-term future by investing in our public schools and local communities;

WHEREAS: Having adequate resources to fix our crumbling roads and bridges is crucial to helping improve the state's economy and generate an estimated 15,000 new skilled and high-paying jobs in Michigan; and

WHEREAS: Because safe roads are essential to the movement of goods throughout Michigan, Proposal 1 is supported by some of Michigan's leading organizations of job providers including the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, Southwest Michigan First, Business Leaders for Michigan, the West Michigan Policy Forum, Detroit Regional Chamber, Small Business Association of Michigan, Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Lodging and Resort Association and more; and

WHEREAS: Having safe roads is vital to the success of municipalities and is supported by some of the state's leading associations including the Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Association of Counties, Grand Valley Metropolitan Council, and Michigan Townships Association; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the __City/Village/Township__ of
__Name_____ supports Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot to provide the funding
needed to finally fix our roads for the long term; and

RESOLVED: That the __City/Village/Township__ of __Name_____ knows the
1-cent increase in the sales tax will benefit local communities and help ensure drivers’
safety on the roads; and

RESOLVED: That the __City/Village/Township__ of __Name_____ formally
supports Safe Roads Yes! because if it passes, every penny we pay at the pump in state
gas taxes is guaranteed in the constitution to go to transportation.

The above resolution was offered by __ (name of individual) __ and supported by
__ (name of individual) __.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Date: _____