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, the City of Hazel Park supports Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot to provide the funding needed to finally fix our roads for the long term; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Hazel Park knows the 1-cent increase in the sales tax will benefit local communities and help ensure drivers' safety on the roads; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Hazel Park 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.

Mayor Jan Parisi

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffrey A. Keeton   Councilman Andy LeCureaux

Councilman Mike Webb   Councilman Tom Selman

Presented this 14th day of April, 2015