

CITY OF HARTFORD

COUNTY OF VAN BUREN

STATE OF MICHIGAN

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

FULLY REPLACING, NOT JUST ERASING MICHIGAN'S PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX.

RESOLUTION # 2011 - 016

**Whereas**, the City of Hartford has experiences a significant decline in property tax values, which has caused unprecedented fiscal constraints; and

**Whereas**, this reduction has resulted in a reduction of \$51,556.00 in property tax revenue in the last 2years; and

**Whereas**, at the same time the City of Hartford has confronted consistent reductions in State Shared Revenue, as part of the \$4 Billion in cuts to Sate Shared Revenue state-wide; and

**Whereas**, due to this unrelenting fiscal pressure, the City of Hartford has been compelled to reduce the level of municipal services historically provided to residents, businesses and schools in our community; and

**Whereas**, it is proposed by some that the Michigan Personal Property Tax be erased; and

**Whereas**, an additional loss of municipal revenue will compound and exacerbate the financial hardship this community- its residents and its businesses – are currently experiencing; and

**Whereas**, the Personal Property Tax is relied upon by Michigan's local governments, comprising about 11% of their value state-wide, and as much as 50% of the taxable value in some communities; and

**Whereas**, the importance of Personal Property Tax to local communities is underscored by the fact that it is a particular stable source of needed revenue, facilitating efficient management by the City of Hartford's elected and appointed local officials; and

**Whereas**, even further cuts in vital local services would be unprecedented, unwarranted and destructive to the fabric of our community;

**Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that the City of Hartford urges the Legislature and the governor to specifically condition any change, in the Michigan Personal Property Tax that would result in a reduction in revenue from this tax to local governments, to a full- not partial amount of replacement revenue; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the City of Hartford urges the Legislature and the Governor condition any reduction, in revenue to local units of government from Michigan Property Tax, to the passage of an amendment of the Michigan Constitution to protect the full amount of replacement revenue; and

**Be It Finally Resolved**, that on behalf of our citizens, businesses and schools, and in recognition of the vital importance substantial and revenue from Michigan's Personal Property Tax will have on our future economic success, the City of Hartford urges the Legislature and the governor to Replace, not Erase, the Michigan Personal Property Tax.

Motion by: Hall

Supported by: Dockter

Ayes: Austin; Dockter; Hall Latus; Johnson

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:



DATE: September 26, 2011

RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Hartford, County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on September 26, 2011.



RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk