



CITY OF HARTFORD

COUNTY OF VAN BUREN

STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION 2014 - 007

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION AND
PROPERTY TAX REFORM WITHOUT RAISING TAXES**

At a Workshop/Business meeting of the City of Hartford Commission, located at 19 West Main Street and called to order by Mayor Theodore Johnson on May 19, 2014 at 7:30p.m.

The following resolution was offered:

Moved by Commissioner Miller and supported by Commissioner Burleson.

WHEREAS, local governments in Michigan have struggled with unstable funding needed to provide services; and

WHEREAS, small businesses and manufacturer 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 the 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 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, local governments have struggled with unstable funding needed to provide services and businesses have struggled with an uncompetitive tax on equipment for years; and

WHEREAS, the proposal will make Michigan more competitive, which will help local communities to attract more businesses and talent and create local jobs; and

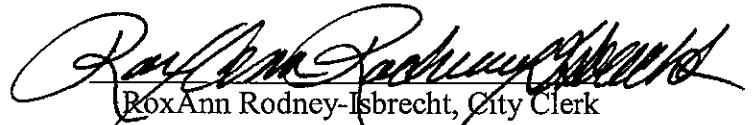
WHEREAS, the proposal is supported by the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Townships Association, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Michigan Association of Police Organizations, Michigan Community College Association, Michigan Farm Bureau, the Small Business Association of Michigan, Michigan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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Commission of the City of Hartford hereby expresses its strong support for the proposal to eliminate the unfair double tax and strengthen our communities. We urge our residents to vote YES on this proposal on August 5, 2014.

YEAS: Ron Burleson, Frank Dockter, Rick Hall, Dennis Goss, John Miller, Terry Tibbs and Ted Johnson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED


DATE: May 19, 2014



RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk

I RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, Clerk for the City of Hartford, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City Commission of the City of Hartford during a meeting held on May 19, 2014, and the public notice of said meeting was held in compliance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

DATE: May 19, 2014



RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, City Clerk
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