

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION
AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM WITHOUT RAISING
TAXES
Y14-005**

At a regular meeting of the City of Yale City Council held in the City of Yale, on June 9, 2014.

PRESENT: Jeff Meharg, Scott Gill, Paul McIvor, John Preston, Ed Armstrong

ABSENT: Bobbi Silverthorn

The following resolution was offered by McIvor and seconded by Gill:

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

WHEREAS, Michigan businesses have struggled with an uncompetitive tax on business; and

WHEREAS, small businesses and manufacturers 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 those 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 a 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 the Michigan Manufacturers Association, among others; and

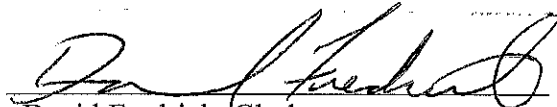
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Yale hereby expresses its strong support for the proposal to eliminate the unfair double tax and strengthen our communities. We urge our residents to vote YES on this proposal on August 5, 2014.

AYES: Member McIvor, Gill, Meharg, Preston, Armstrong

NAYS: Member None


RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Date: June 9, 2014


David Fredrick, Clerk
City of Yale

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Yale, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on June 9, 2014, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.


David Fredrick, Clerk
City of Yale