

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

At a regular meeting of the City of Wakefield Council held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of June, 2014, the following resolution was offered by Councilmember DeFavero, and seconded by Councilmember Blaskowski;

**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, such as 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, 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 business 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

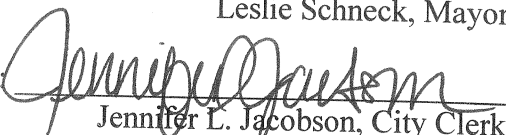
**WHEREAS**, the proposal is supported by the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Townships Association, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Michigan Association of Police Organizations, Michigan Community College Association, Michigan Farm Bureau, the Small Business Association of Michigan,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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Wakefield City Council 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: Councilmembers Finco, DeFavero, Bolen, Blaskowski, and Schneck  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

**ADOPTED** this 23rd day of June, 2014.  
**CITY OF WAKEFIELD**

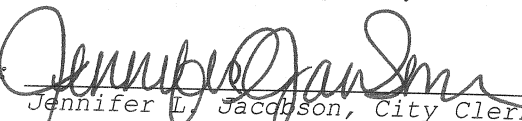
BY:   
Leslie Schneck, Mayor

BY:   
Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

*I, Jennifer L. Jacobson, the duly appointed Clerk of the City of Wakefield, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City of Wakefield at a regular meeting held June 23, 2014, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.*

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BY:   
Jennifer L. Jacobson, City Clerk