

CITY OF TRENTON  
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSAL 1 ON THE AUGUST 5, 2014 BALLOT  
2014-22

At a regular meeting of the City of Trenton held in the City of Trenton, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014,

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Baun-Crooks, Gillespie, Howey, LeFevre, McLeod, Rzeppa, and Mayor Stack.

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson McLeod, and seconded by Councilperson Baun-Crooks.

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

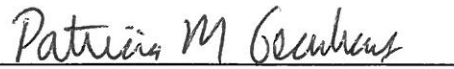
WHEREAS, Proposal 1 on the August 5, 2014 ballot, will make Michigan more competitive, which will help local communities to attract more businesses and talent and create local jobs; and

WHEREAS, Proposal 1 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

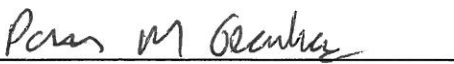
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Trenton hereby expresses its strong support for Proposal 1 to eliminate the unfair double tax and strengthen our communities. We urge our residents to vote YES on Proposal 1 on the August 5, 2014, ballot.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Trenton, this 7th day of July, 2014.

BY:   
Kyle F. Stack, Mayor

BY:   
Patricia M. Gearhart, City Clerk

I certify that the forgoing is a true copy of the resolution passed by the City Council of the City of Trenton at a Regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Room in said City on the 7th day of July, 2014.

BY:   
Patricia M. Gearhart, City Clerk