

RESOLUTION R-04-16

A RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTIVE FUND

WHEREAS, Illinois municipalities have for over 45 years relied upon distributions from the State of Illinois Local Government Distributive Fund (the "LGDF") in drafting budgets, structuring service delivery models, and setting tax rates, including property and sales tax rates; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton is expected to receive approximately \$5,200,000 in LGDF distributions during Fiscal Year 2015-16, which amount is equal to 13% of its General Fund revenue, and which funds the Police Department, the Fire Department, Public Works, capital projects, and general government operations; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois faces continuing fiscal problems, and is actively considering the reduction or elimination of the distribution of State income tax revenue to Illinois municipalities in order to direct these funds to fill gaps in the State budget; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton has consistently maintained a very strong fiscal position, including appropriate reserves, notwithstanding the effects of the Great Recession, by virtue of immediate expense reduction actions taken in 2008 and financial management measures implemented throughout the succeeding years, and as a result the City has been able to maintain municipal services at a high level while avoiding increases in its property tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheaton has concluded that the reduction or elimination of distributions of income tax revenue to Illinois municipalities through the LGDF will serve only to shift the fiscal problems of the State of Illinois to municipalities, including the City of Wheaton, and will cause the elimination of essential municipal services and the escalation of local property and/or sales taxes, together with other fees and charges, thereby negatively impacting the taxpayers of Wheaton, and of Illinois.

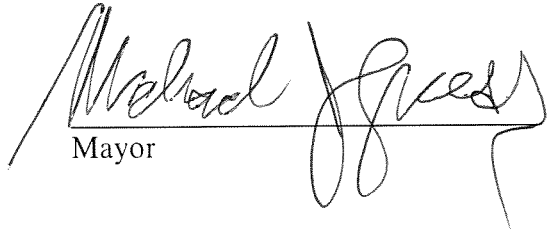
NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wheaton, DuPage County, Illinois, pursuant to its home rule authority, that:

Section 1: The City of Wheaton hereby requests that its representatives in the General Assembly of the State of Illinois vote "NO" to any proposed legislation which will reduce the share of State income tax revenue distributed to Illinois municipalities.

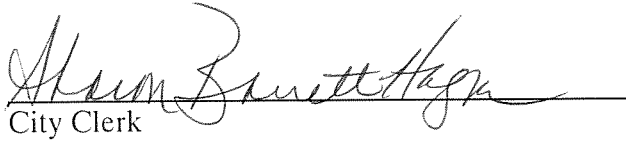
Section 2: The City Manager is hereby authorized to undertake any and all steps necessary to complete and effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 3: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED this 19th day of January, 2016.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Ayes:

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Prendiville

Mayor Gresk

Councilman Saline

Councilman Scalzo

Councilwoman Fitch

Nays:

Councilman Suess

Absent:

Councilman Rutledge

Motion Carried Unanimously