

## EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 52-2018

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INVEST THE STATE BUDGET SURPLUS IN MUNICIPALITIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have been advised of Ohio Governor John Kasich's proposal to use the projected State of Ohio budget surplus of \$147 million at the end of the biennium to fund an income tax withholding reduction and bring the state's rainy day fund to its maximum legal limit; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly has repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years by way of significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, eliminating the Estate Tax, and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, these reductions have resulted in a loss of revenue of \$5,678,047; and

WHEREAS, this sudden revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services to fight the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, when municipalities experience success in fostering safe communities, building sound infrastructure, and increasing economic development, the State of Ohio reaps the benefits as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1: The Ohio General Assembly should distribute the budget surplus revenue to Ohio's municipalities at the end of the biennium, ensuring that these local communities are able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

SECTION 2: This Council does hereby declare its opposition to Governor Kasich and the Ohio General Assembly depositing the state budget surplus into the rainy day fund and an income tax withholding reduction.

SECTION 3: This measure is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare and further for the reason that Council desires to relay its opposition to the proposal at the earliest possible date. Therefore, this measure shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

PASSED: August 28, 2018

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor

This legislation was enacted in an open meeting pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Sunshine Law, Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the city of Monroe, Ohio, hereby certify the foregoing (ordinance or resolution) was published as required by Section 7.16 of the Charter of the City of Monroe.

  
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Clerk of Council  
City of Monroe, Ohio