

**CITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-32**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT  
PROPOSAL 1 ON AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> BALLOT  
TO ELIMINATE THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission held on July 7, 2014, at or after 7:00 o'clock p.m., local time, at City Hall.

PRESENT, Commissioners: Cinabro, Miller, Moore, Urban, Vice Mayor Anderson, Mayor Hopewell

ABSENT, Commissioners: Cooney

WHEREAS, the City of Kalamazoo and local governments across Michigan need to provide vital public service; and

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

WHEREAS, small business 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;

WHEREAS, The City of Kalamazoo and Michigan communities have struggled for years to pay for essential services like police, fire, ambulances, schools and jails; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kalamazoo has relied on more than \$2 million a year 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 investments and create more jobs while providing a stable replacement 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, 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, that the City of Kalamazoo hereby expresses its strong support for Proposal 1 to eliminate the unfair double tax and strengthen our communities. We urge all of our citizens to vote YES on Proposal 1 on the August 5, 2014 ballot.

The above resolution was offered by Commissioner Urban and supported by Commissioner Cinabro.

AYES, Commissioners:                      Cinabro, Miller, Moore, Urban, Vice Mayor Anderson, Mayor Hopewell

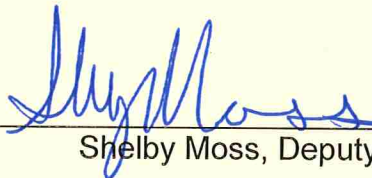
NAYS, Commissioners:                      None

ABSTAIN, Commissioners:                      None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**CERTIFICATE**

The foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Kalamazoo at a regular meeting held on July 7, 2014. Public notice was given and the meeting was conducted in full compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267, 1976). Minutes of the meeting will be available as required by said Act.

  
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Shelby Moss, Deputy City Clerk