RESOLUTION NO. 3013

CITY OF GRANDVILLE COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Grandville, County of Kent, Michigan, duly called and held in the City Hall in said City, 3195 Wilson Avenue SW, on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. there were:

PRESENT: Council Members Gelderloos, Maas, Meringa, Pettijohn, Richards and

Mayor Buck

ABSENT: Council Member Kauffman

The following resolution was offered by Council Member Maas and seconded by Council Member Richards:

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE IMMEDIATE NEED TO FUND THE REPAIR OF MICHIGAN'S ROADS FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR RESIDENTS AND FOR THE FISCAL HEALTH OF OUR STATE AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, let it be known that Michigan is losing \$3 million per day and more than \$1 billion per year due to the maintenance costs and increased wear and tear on our roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's roads are consistently ranked among the nation's worst; and

WHEREAS, one-third of all fatal and serious traffic crashes in Michigan can be linked, in part, to poor road conditions; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's gas tax – the user fee that is the primary source of transportation funding – has not increased since 1997. At the same time, the gas tax revenue collected today, adjusted for inflation, is equal to that which was collected in 1974; and

WHEREAS, the state's 6 percent sales tax goes into the general fund, not toward road repairs; and

WHEREAS, we risk a future fiscal crisis if we do not increase our investment in transportation. Currently, 32 percent of Michigan's roads are ranked as being in poor condition. By 2018, this number is expected to jump to more than 65 percent; and

WHEREAS, bringing a road from poor to good pavement condition costs 6 times more than it does to bring a road from fair to good condition; and

WHEREAS, investing \$10 billion over the next ten years to fix Michigan's roads and bridges would create 12,000 jobs and prevent 100 crash-related deaths per year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Grandville hereby urges Gov. Snyder and Michigan legislators to save taxpayer dollars, save lives, and improve our economy by making the necessary investments to repair our roads and bridges so that our transportation systems can function at peak performance.

YEAS:

Council Members Gelderloos, Maas, Meringa, Pettijohn, Richards and

Mayor Buck

NAYS:

None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Grandville, County of Kent, State of Michigan, at a meeting held on February 11, 2013 the original of which is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

Dated: Fel

February 11, 2013

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Laura A. Roebuck, City of Grandville

Deputy Clerk