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City of Bellbrook

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A Resolution Strongly Urging the Ohio Governor and Members of the Ohio General Assembly to Restore the Local Government Fund to Pre-recession Levels

WHEREAS, the Local Government Fund was reduced in 2011 by 50% during the Kasich Administration, from 3.68% of General Revenue Funds to its current level of 1.66% of General Revenue Funds; and

WHEREAS, past Ohio General Assemblies have repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years in addition to significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, including eliminating the Estate Tax and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, these reductions have resulted in a loss of revenue of \$82,000 annually; 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, the City of Bellbrook Hereby Resolves:

Section 1. The Ohio General Assembly should restore the Local Government Fund to prerecession levels, 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 of any further cuts to the Local Government Fund or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.

Robert L. Baird, Mayor

Pamela Timmons, Clerk of Council