



**RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:**

Whereas, local communities are the foundation of successful economic development in Michigan; and

Whereas, safe streets and functioning infrastructure in our cities and villages are critical to attracting and maintaining businesses; and

Whereas, local government cannot continue to provide essential services if statutory revenue sharing is continually redistributed to other state budget priorities; and

Whereas, there are over 1,300 fewer police officers on the streets in Michigan today than on September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, that figure stands to increase this year, as local communities will have to grapple with no increased support from the state if funding is not increased; and

Whereas, local government recognizes and accepts the fact that there will be fluctuations in the state economy impacting the statutorily shared revenues, however, the state began ignoring the revenue sharing commitment in 1991; and

Whereas, that state has reallocated \$1.5 billion from local community services to fund other state programs; and

Whereas, the current budget proposed by Governor Granholm diverts an additional \$600 million of statutory funding for local communities; and

Whereas, in the past 5 years approximately 40% of the state budget deficit has been assumed by local communities as the state continues to reduce revenue commitments and shift funding responsibility; and

Whereas, it is unacceptable that the Governor and Legislature continue to put our state's future in jeopardy by mandating cuts to public safety and core services which define our quality of life.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Governor, Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan are hereby strongly urged to increase local revenues collected by the state and distributed under the Revenue Sharing Act.

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to Governor Granholm, Senator Liz Brater, Representative Alma Wheeler-Smith, the Michigan Municipal League, and all surrounding communities.

OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

VOTE: