

# Sample City Resolution on Local Government Aid

City of \_\_\_\_\_

State of Minnesota

## Resolution in Support of Increasing Local Government Aid in the 2017 Legislative Session

WHEREAS, Local Government Aid (LGA) is a critical need for our city; and

WHEREAS, LGA provides funding to restrain property taxes on homeowners and businesses; and

WHEREAS, LGA helps provide important services such as public safety, infrastructure, and fire protection; and

WHEREAS, an increase in LGA would help the city of \_\_\_\_\_ do the following: [INSERT EXAMPLE OF THE LOCAL IMPACT OF AN LGA INCREASE ON YOUR CITY, E.G. ADDRESSING SPECIFIC NEEDS OR SERVICES, HOLDING LEVY FLAT, ETC.]; and

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota's projected budget surplus stands at \$1.65 billion; and

WHEREAS, LGA is funded well below the level that was funded in 2002; and

WHEREAS, in a time of surplus, the state should be able to provide an increase in aid to cities who are facing increased costs due to infrastructure needs, state mandates and inflation in the costs of labor, goods, and services; and

WHEREAS, no Omnibus Tax Bill was passed by the legislature in 2015 or 2016, thus freezing the LGA appropriation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of \_\_\_\_\_ supports a permanent increase in the base appropriation for Local Government Aid of \$45.5 million as proposed in HF 672/SF 476, and urges adoption of this proposal by the House and Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the following: the legislators representing the city of \_\_\_\_\_, Speaker of the House Rep. Kurt Daudt, Senate Majority Leader Sen. Paul Gazelka, House Tax Chair Rep. Greg Davids, Senate Tax Chair Sen. Roger Chamberlain, and Governor Mark Dayton.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_