

SAMPLE CITY RESOLUTION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID

City of [INSERT CITY]

State of Minnesota

Resolution in Support of Increasing Local Government Aid in the 2019 Legislative Session

WHEREAS, Local Government Aid (LGA) is a state-funded property tax relief program that helps reduce disparities between communities and ensures quality services at an affordable property tax rate in [CITY]; and

WHEREAS, LGA helps provide important services such as public safety, water infrastructure, streets, parks, libraries and other services that citizens and businesses rely on; and

WHEREAS, LGA is currently \$30.5 million below its 2002 benchmark and nearly \$300 million below the amount needed to fully fund the LGA formula; and

WHEREAS, cities are still recovering from LGA cuts and stagnant funding in recent years; and

WHEREAS, an increase in LGA would help [CITY] do the following: [EXAMPLES OF LOCAL IMPACT LGA INCREASE WOULD HAVE ON CITY, E.G., ADDRESSING SPECIFIC NEEDS OR SERVICES, REDUCING LOCAL PROPERTY TAX, ETC.]; and

WHEREAS, yearly adjustments to LGA funding for inflation are necessary for [CITY] to keep up with rising costs for higher health insurance premiums, employee wages, construction, capital equipment, and other critical needs; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature did not increase LGA funding in 2018.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of [CITY] supports a permanent increase in the base appropriation for Local Government Aid by \$30.5 million to restore funding to the 2002 benchmark and urges the adoption of this proposal by the House and Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature provide yearly adjustments to LGA to account for inflation and population growth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the following: the legislators representing the city of [CITY], the Speaker of the House, the Senate Majority Leader, the House Tax Chair, the Senate Tax Chair, and the Governor.