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Resolution # 2011-09

A RESOLUTION TO: SUPPORT THE REFERENDUM AND REPEAL OF PUBLIC ACT 4

INTRODUCED TO: Montague City Council

INTRODUCED ON: July 18, 2011

INTRODUCED BY: Dave Frederick, Co-chair, Reviving Our American Democracy

WHEREAS, March 16, 2011, the Governor of the State of Michigan signed into law, Public Act 4 of 2011, the "Local Government and School District Fiscal Accountability Act", and;

WHEREAS, this act vastly expands the powers granted to Emergency Managers, in a fashion that challenges to destroy Democracy in Michigan cities, towns, villages, counties and school districts, and;

WHEREAS, this act allows appointed managers to assume broad and complete authority in the designated local municipality, without transparency or accountability,

WHEREAS, this act allows elite bureaucrats to sell public assets, shred public contracts and agreements and dissolve governments and remove elected officials, and;

WHEREAS, the number of municipalities and school districts in Michigan under emergency management should not be increased but reduced, and;

WHEREAS, changes in Michigan's business tax system under the Snyder administration created a \$1.7 billion deficit, which is being leveraged on Michigan's core communities with reduced shared revenue, higher taxes on seniors and working families; diminishing local revenue flow, and;

WHEREAS, the drastic changes in revenue sharing places many of Michigan's core communities and school districts at risk of receivership and under total control of elite bureaucrats, and;

WHEREAS, the expanded powers granted to emergency managers eliminate accountability to the citizens of Michigan and fog the regular checks, balances and transparency found in democracy; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Michigan can repeal Public Act 4 through the election process, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Montague City Council supports the referendum and the repeal of Public Act 4 of 2011, and;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Montague City Council urges local elected officials, elected State Representatives and Senators, and the people of the State of Michigan to support the repeal of the "Local Government and School District Fiscal Accountability Act."

OFFERED BY: R. Lydens

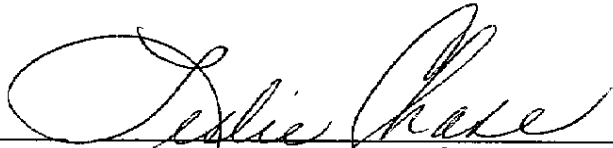
SUPPORTED BY: J. Schmelzer

Ayes: Lydens, Schmelzer, Chase, Lohman, Roesler

Nays: Cederquist

Absent: Freeland

Councilman Calvin Cederquist

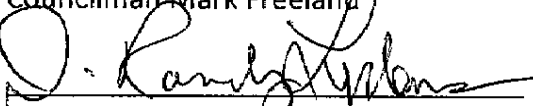


Councilwoman Leslie Chase


Councilman Mark Freeland



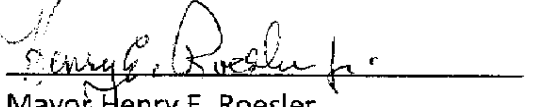
Councilman Tom Lohman



Councilman Randy Lydens

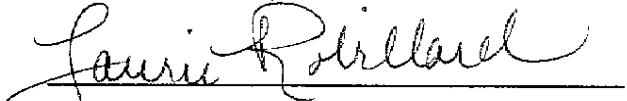


Councilwoman June Schmelzer



Mayor Henry E. Roesler

I do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution #2011-09 as passed by the Montague City Council, at their meeting held on July 18, 2011.



Laurie Robillard, City Clerk