

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONTINUE ITS HISTORY OF PARTNERSHIP WITH OHIO'S LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND RETAIN FUNDING FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS AT THE PERMANENT LAW FORMULA

WHEREAS, the partnership between Ohio's state and local governments has existed for over seven decades with the establishment of the Local Government Fund in 1934; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Fund provides a revenue-sharing mechanism by which all local governments share fairly in the cumulative resources of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Fund received in 2004 by the Village of Richfield totaled \$ 338,790 , which represents 19 percent of the Village's General Fund receipts; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change in the distribution of the Local Government Fund could result in a \$ 33,880 reduction to the Village of Richfield based on last year's amount; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Fund, if lost, would require the Village of Richfield to consider substantial cuts in services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That this Council declares the Local Government Fund to be a vital partnership between the State of Ohio and our community, and without which the Village of Richfield's ability to meet its obligations to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its residents would be severely jeopardized.

SECTION 2. That this Council urges the Ohio General Assembly, while recognizing the tremendous challenges before it and the magnitude of the policy decisions it will face, to make the continued support to its local government partners the highest of priorities during its deliberations on the State's Fiscal Years 2006/2007 Biennial Budget and return the Local Government Fund to the permanent law fund formula.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 3-1-2005

*Barbara Ruppel*  
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President of Council

ATTEST:

*Michael Hayes*  
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Mayor

*Carolyn E. Sullivan*  
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Clerk of Council

Dated: 3/2/05