

**RESOLUTION NO. 14 , 2023**

**A RESOLUTION ADVOCATING FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Fund is an important revenue source for municipalities throughout the State of Ohio to support and sustain vital local services including police and fire protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Fund was reduced in 2011 by 50% during Gov. Kasich's Administration from 3.68% of General Revenue Funds to its current level of 1.66% of General Revenue Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to reducing this needed source of revenue, past Ohio General Assemblies have continued to decrease funding and revenue sharing for local governments by eliminating in part the Estate Tax and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

**WHEREAS**, this continuing revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to sustain basic services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services; and

**WHEREAS**, when municipalities experience success in fostering safe communities, building sound infrastructure, and increasing economic development, the State of Ohio reaps the benefits as well; and

**WHEREAS**, a reinvestment in the Local Government Fund would aid the State in its goal of lowering taxes on all Ohioans by enabling municipalities to better manage their local tax burden.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Montgomery, Hamilton County, Ohio, that:

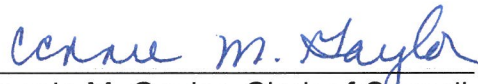
**SECTION 1.** The Ohio General Assembly should restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels, ensuring that local communities are able to provide critical services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

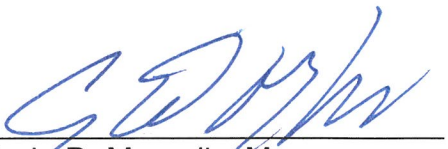
**SECTION 2.** This Council does hereby declare its opposition to any further cuts to the Local Government Fund or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund which would negatively impact its residents and businesses.

**SECTION 3.** The Clerk and City Manager are requested to send a copy of this legislation to our local State Representatives and Senators requesting their support to sustain and grow the Local Government Fund.

**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED: April 5 2023

ATTEST:   
Connie M. Gaylor, Clerk of Council

  
Craig D. Margolis, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Terrence M. Donnellon, Law Director