

Introduced By: Alderman Paro

Resolution No. 2017-5

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY COUNCIL
AND ST. LOUIS BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO OPPOSE ANY AND ALL LEGISLATION
AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE VOTE REGARDING OR MANDATING A CHANGE IN
THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE OF ST. LOUIS CITY AND ST. LOUIS COUNTY AND
THE MUNICIPALITIES THEREIN.**

WHEREAS, certain legislators and other individuals seek to impose significant and potentially damaging changes to the governmental structure of St. Louis City and St. Louis County, including the municipalities in the County; and

WHEREAS, such persons believe that their scheme would not be favorably received by the voters of the City or the County; and

WHEREAS, such persons may seek a statewide vote on a constitutional amendment, or some form of legislative mandate, to accomplish their scheme and dilute the votes of or totally bypass the voters of the City and County; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Constitution outlines a process for the residents of the City and County to vote on their governmental structure through the establishment of a Board of Freeholders by petition or appointment by the County Executive, Mayor of St. Louis and Governor of Missouri, and

WHEREAS, the officials of the member municipalities of the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis believe that all discussions and votes on any plans to change their local government structure should be held only by residents of the City and County; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Council, which governs the largest County in the state of Missouri with nearly one million residents, and the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis should have a major voice in all discussions of regional governance; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of all municipalities in St. Louis County should also have significant involvement in any such discussions to advance the best interests of their residents;

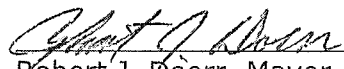
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors hereby opposes any statewide vote or legislative mandate on governmental reorganization regarding the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County and the municipalities therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors urges the St. Louis County Council, and the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, on behalf of their respective

residents, to pass a similar resolution opposing a statewide vote or legislative mandate;
and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Bellefontaine Neighbors recommends local discussions and local votes on any reorganization or consolidation plan that may be developed through such discussions.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21st **DAY OF** September, 2017.



Robert J. Doerr, Mayor

Attest:



Denise Donovan, City Clerk