

RESOLUTION 136-2017

A RESOLUTION URGING THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY COUNCIL AND ST. LOUIS BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO OPPOSE ANY AND ALL STATE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE VOTE PROPOSING CHANGES IN THE GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE OF ST. LOUIS CITY AND ST. LOUIS COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES THEREIN.

WHEREAS, there has been public discussion regarding a possible statewide election on a constitutional amendment, or some form of legislative mandate that would seek to impose substantive and potentially damaging, changes to the governmental structure of St. Louis City and St. Louis County, including the municipalities in the County, which if conducted would dilute the votes of, or totally exclude the voters of the City and County; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Constitution specifies a process whereby the residents of the City and County may vote on their governmental structure through the establishment of a Board of Electors by initiative petition and subsequent appointment by the County Executive, the Mayor of St. Louis and the Governor of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the elected officials of the member municipalities of the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis believe that all discussions and elections regarding any plans to alter their local governmental structure should be conducted solely by residents of the City and County; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Council, which governs the largest and most populous county in the state of Missouri with nearly one million residents, and the St. Louis Board of Aldermen which governs over 315,000 residents, should have the principal voice in all discussions regarding regional governance; and

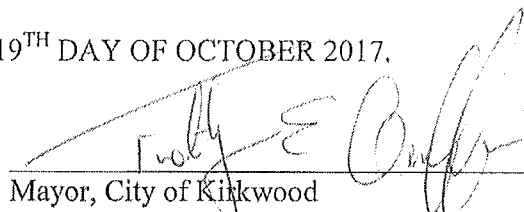
WHEREAS, the governing bodies of all municipalities in St. Louis County should also have significant involvement in any such discussions to advance the best interests and promote the welfare of their residents.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Kirkwood, Missouri 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 State legislative mandate; and

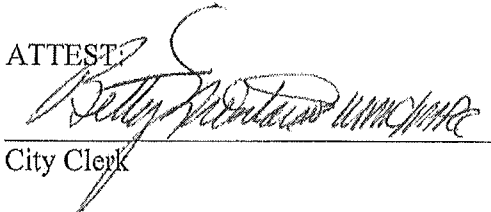
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Kirkwood, Missouri recommends that only local discussions and elections be conducted regarding possible reorganization or consolidation plans that may be developed through such discussions.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2017.



Mayor, City of Kirkwood

ATTEST:



City Clerk