



RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR OHIO SEVERANCE TAX TO BE RETURNED TO THE COUNTIES IMPACTED BY SHALE DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Eastern Ohio horizontal drilling oil and gas impacted area includes the counties of Ashland, Ashtabula, Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Geauga, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Knox, Mahoning, Medina, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Portage, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Washington, and Wayne; and

WHEREAS, this region is widely impacted by oil and gas production, processing and activity in Marcellus and Utica shale play; and

WHEREAS, we support 75% of Ohio Severance Tax to be returned to the impacted local governments based on local production for mitigating short and long-term adverse impacts on public infrastructure; mitigating adverse financial impacts on community resources and social services; investing in local infrastructure to maximize ancillary and downstream economic development opportunities; investing in long-term public economic development within the impacted region to prevent repetitive boom-to-bust economic outcomes and to protect, ensure and maintain the economic, cultural, environment and sustainability of our local governments; and

WHEREAS, revenue returned to the area from any Ohio Severance Tax needs to be returned to East Ohio Counties affected by horizontal drilling to address the short and long-term impacts of shale development and to invest in sustainable economic development; and

WHEREAS, we support a calculated portion of revenue from the Ohio Severance Tax to be provided to ODNR for its regulatory efforts and for the plugging of idle and orphaned wells. Additionally, the LGF and public library funds should be held harmless from any decrease in revenue that affects these funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Rose Township Trustees support the return of 75% of the Ohio Severance Tax directly to the impacted region for its present and future economic and social growth and development.

Adopted this 1st day of May, 2014