

JOINT RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014 -0210

A JOINT RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE NOBLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, NOBLE COUNTY COUNCIL, CITY OF KENDALLVILLE, CITY OF LIGONIER, TOWN OF ALBION, TOWN OF CROMWELL, TOWN OF AVILLA, TOWN OF ROME CITY, EAST NOBLE SCHOOL CORPORATION, CENTRAL NOBLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, AND WEST NOBLE SCHOOL CORPORATION JOINTLY OPPOSING LEGISLATION REDUCING OR ELIMINATING BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN THE STATE OF INDIANA

WHEREAS, Governor Michael R. Pence and other Indiana legislative leaders have proposed the elimination of the Business Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, proponents of the elimination have consistently affirmed that the Business Personal Property Tax is a hindrance to the business climate in Indiana, yet numerous publications consistently rank Indiana 1st in the Midwest in Business Climate and Top 10 in the Nation in Business Tax Climate from the non-profit Tax Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Governor Pence stated in a January 10th jobs announcement, "Today's announcement continues to prove why Indiana is the best state in the nation to start or grow a business"; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated the loss of revenue to Noble County from this tax elimination would result in a \$1,118,470 reduction, the estimated loss of revenue to the City of Kendallville would be \$830,394, the estimated loss of revenue to the City of Ligonier would be \$830,334, the estimated loss of revenue to the Town of Albion would be \$369,359, the estimated loss of revenue to the Town of Avilla would be \$288,695, the estimated loss of revenue to the Town of Cromwell would be \$8,876, the estimate loss of revenue to the Town of Rome City would be \$2,383, the estimated loss of revenue to the county libraries would equal \$343,831, the estimated loss of revenue to East Noble School Corporation, Central Noble Community Schools and West Noble School Corporation would equal \$2,861,938; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of Noble County firmly believe that quality of life amenities and economic development go hand-in-hand as our residents require essential and community services that are paid for from Business Personal Property Taxes; and

WHEREAS, if the elimination were to take place, municipalities across Noble County would be forced to make significant cuts to town, city, school and county services that our residents expect and demand due to continuing population growth patterns and additional requests from residents, ultimately resulting in unfunded mandates from the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, if the elimination were to take place, school districts across Noble County would again be forced to make significant cuts to support transportation, bus replacement, school building maintenance and technology upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the statewide elimination of the Business Personal Property Tax would significantly harm economic development efforts locally where Noble County has seen significant economic growth and continues to be a leader in Northeast Indiana.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Noble County Board of Commissioners, Noble County Council, Kendallville City Council, Ligonier City Council, Albion Town Council, Cromwell Town Council, Avilla Town Council, Rome City Town Council, East Noble School Board of Education, Central Noble Community School Board and West Noble School Board of Education that we stand firmly opposed to any attempts which would diminish the revenue collected from the Business Personal Property Tax without a stable and equal revenue stream to replace the lost dollars and urge our local legislators to vote against any attempt to do so; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Noble County Board of Commissioners, Noble County Council, Kendallville City Council, Ligonier City Council, Albion Town Council, Cromwell Town Council, Avilla Town Council, Rome City Town Council, East Noble School Board of Education, Central Noble Community School Board and West Noble School Board of Education that municipal officials are separately elected representatives of the same individuals as legislators represent and attempts to further erode local control should be examined closely due to the commonly held belief that the government closest to the people is the best for the people; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED.

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Jackie Knafel, Noble County Auditor

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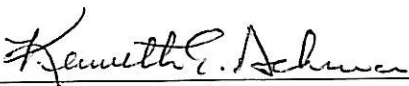
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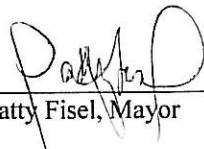
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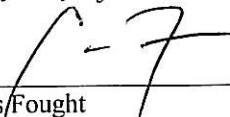

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