RESOLUTION 2010-12 CITY OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY OF GRATIOT

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of St. Louis, County of Gratiot, Michigan held on the 20th day of July, 2010, at 7:30 a.m.

Present: Mayor Joe Scholtz, Jerry Church, James Kelly, William Shrum

Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Shrum, and supported by member Church.

Whereas, the future of the City of Saint Louis is dependent on Economic and Agricultural Development; and,

Whereas, Greater Gratiot Development has been responsible for creating an atmosphere of trust where local units of government have successfully collaborated on projects such as the countywide Master Plan, the Gratiot Community Airport Authority, the countywide GIS system, the passage of the county park millage, the creation of the Gratiot Area Chamber of Commerce, the creation of Gratiot Community Foundation, and the Gratiot Brownfield Authority; and,

Whereas, Greater Gratiot Development has played a major role in attracting business and industry, as well as facilitating growth to Gratiot County with businesses such as Terry Materials, Merrill Fabricators, Cartridges Are Us, AGRO Culture Liquid Fertilizers, Plasti Paint, Michigan Sugar, MAC, Alpha Plastics, and JerDen Plastics; and,

Whereas, Greater Gratiot Development has assisted many municipalities and businesses in securing financing such as Gratiot Medical Center, Alma Iron and Metal, Village of Breckenridge, and Powder Coat of Central Michigan; and,

Whereas, the agricultural economy is major employer and backbone of our local economy; and,

Whereas, the success of many of the retail establishments in Saint Louis depend upon the success of the agricultural sector; and,

Whereas, the City of Saint Louis believes that the citizens of Gratiot County need to control our own future, including the short and long term job development opportunities for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren, and;

Whereas, the economic health and the rural way of life in Gratiot County have been identified as top priorities by the countywide Master Plan; and,

Whereas, Michigan Public Act 88 of 1913 allows a county Board of Commissioners to levy up to .5 mills for the purpose of economic development and agricultural promotion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Saint Louis City Council does hereby go on record as supporting the levy of up to .5 mills for the purpose of economic development and agricultural promotion through the public funding of Greater Gratiot Development and Michigan State University Extension's 4-H program.

Be it further resolved that this resolution of support be entered into the official minutes of the Saint Louis City Council this 20th day of July 2010.

Ayes: Shrum, Church, Scholtz, Allen, Kelly

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

I, Nancy L. Roehrs, Clerk of the City of St. Louis, certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of St. Louis at its regular meeting held Tuesday, July 20, 2010.

Date: July 20, 2010

Nancy L. Rochrs, City Clerk