

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1018 OF 2019 WHICH PROPOSES AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO CONTINUE A LEVY OF A ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR STATE HIGHWAYS, COUNTY ROADS, CITY STREETS, AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AFTER THE RETIREMENT OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED IN ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 91, AS SPECIAL REVENUE TO BE DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY REVENUE DISTRIBUTION LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91, levies a one-half percent sales and use tax to provide additional funding for the state's four-lane highway system, county roads, and city streets; and

WHEREAS, the one-half percent sales and use tax under Amendment 91 is due to expire on June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution 1018 ("HJR 1018") proposes the tax levied under Amendment 91 be continued to provide special revenue for use of maintaining, repairing, and improving the state's system of highways, county roads, and city streets; and

WHEREAS, without continuation of this tax, the state will be unable to meet the severe and pressing needs to maintain and improve the state's system of state highways, county roads, and city streets; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of the one-half percent sales and use tax will ensure future investment in the state highway system, county roads, and city streets; and

WHEREAS, this investment will create jobs, aid in economic development, improve quality of life, and provide additional transportation infrastructure, including specifically, a four-lane highway construction plan designed to connect all regions of the state; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for all municipalities to support HJR 1018 as a necessary funding mechanism for our travel-infrastructure and will serve as an economic boon for the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the City of North Little Rock supports the legal proposals found in HJR 1018 of 2019, as well as its adoption by the people of the State of Arkansas at the next general election.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:

Joe A. Smith
Mayor Joe A. Smith

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Amy Beckman Fields
Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/cf

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| By <u>Asst City Dthng Fleming</u> |
| DATE <u>12/17/19</u> |
| Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas |
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