

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY ACTION TO ELIMINATE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY PLAN FOR REUNIFICATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the City of Fenton was incorporated 177 years ago in 1837, only approximately 25 years after St. Louis County was organized; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fenton holds a long, rich history of families, businesses, churches, and groups who have called Fenton their home; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fenton has served and continues to serve its residents and numerous businesses with a high level of service, including outstanding parks & recreation facilities, solid waste disposal, bulk pickup and recycling; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fenton provides these services despite the fact that it does not levy an ad valorem real or personal property tax on its property owners nor imposes a business license tax on its businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fenton is financially strong and professionally managed by staff and is governed by a Mayor and Board of Aldermen, elected on a non-partisan basis, to represent the industrious and hard-working citizens and business owners who have made the choice to live or work in the City of Fenton; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, certain interest groups and constituencies have supported and continue to support legislation and/or a constitutional amendment aimed at the reunification of St. Louis City and St. Louis County and/or the re-entry of the City of St. Louis into St. Louis County but which groups have failed to produce a plan for such reunification or re-entry and its financial and other repercussions on citizens and municipalities in St. Louis County and have offered no clear evidence of alleged financial or efficiency benefits to the St. Louis region that would be realized by such action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FENTON, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen of the City of Fenton hereby formally stands in favor of all the accomplishments of the City of Fenton and other municipalities in St. Louis County that, through their elected officials and citizen volunteers, have worked tirelessly to make the City of Fenton and the entire St. Louis area an exceptional place to live and work and, therefore, hereby opposes any actions that would seek to eliminate or consolidate any municipalities based on a statewide vote and without a separate vote of the residents of each affected municipality, the City of St. Louis, and unincorporated St. Louis County.

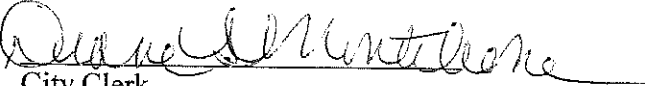
Section 2. This Resolution adopted hereby shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval.

PASSED by the Board of Aldermen this 26th day of June, 2014

APPROVED this 26th day of June, 2014.


MICHAEL D. POLIZZI, MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk