

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
DISTRIBUTIVE FUND REVENUES**

WHEREAS, municipalities are front-line providers of government services to citizen and these services include police and fire protection, parks, infrastructure, water, sewer and utility services, and snow removal;

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has a long-standing tradition of collecting tax revenues on behalf of municipal governments and municipalities have relied on shared income tax revenue to provide essential services to taxpayers;

WHEREAS, municipalities have fewer option to raise revenue and rely on the full amount of revenue that the State collects on their behalf in order to fund the essential quality of life services expected and relied upon by the community residents;

WHEREAS, the General Assembly increased the State income tax without providing any of the new revenues to the municipalities and this loss of revenue has left the municipal share at levels collected during the Great Recession;

WHEREAS, the Governor proposed a fifty percent (50%) reduction in the local share of the income tax during his FY2016 Budget Address, reducing local revenues by over six hundred million dollars;

WHEREAS, the loss of this state-shared income tax revenue would result in the elimination of countless jobs, local tax increases, program and service cuts, and increase in debt burdens that would be felt by all citizens;

WHEREAS the City of Blue Island is directly affected by such losses; and

NOW AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

That the City of Blue Island urges the Governor and the General Assembly to protect full funding of the Local Government Distributive Fund and other revenue sources that allow local governments to provide for the health, safety, and general welfare of their residents.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as required by law.