

RESOLUTION NO. 017-19R

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED FIX-IT AMERICA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT; AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, American Promise assembled the first cross-partisan Advisory Council to speak out for the 28th Amendment and these American leaders represent thoughtful viewpoints from a variety of political, economic, and demographic perspectives; and

WHEREAS, American Promise is a non-profit organization and the local group in Port Clinton, Ohio, is one of four grassroots groups in Ohio that are working in the Ohio statehouse and with other cities to gather support for the proposed Fix-It America Constitutional Amendment, which is supported by Ohio Representative Steve Arndt (and by former Ohio Senator Randy Gardner); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Fix-It America constitutional amendment provides: **“Congress and the states shall regulate the role of money in elections and governance to ensure transparency, protect the integrity of democratic institutions, and encourage the ethical conduct of elected officials. No such reasonable regulation shall be deemed in violation of freedom of speech rights in the Constitution of the United States or its Amendments”**; and

WHEREAS, there is broad bipartisan support for fair elections and governance in Ohio and across the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, there is agreement on the underlying principles that the role of money in elections and governance should be transparent, protect the integrity of our democratic institutions, and encourage the ethical behavior of elected officials, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Fix-It America constitutional amendment expressly empowers Congress and the states to maintain fairness when it comes to these issues; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to formally support the proposed Fix-It America Constitutional Amendment and express our support to the Ohio Legislature at the earliest opportunity; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of the Municipal Departments of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Resolution** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter; and **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO,
THAT:

Section 1. This City Commission hereby supports the proposed Fix-It America Constitutional Amendment and its submission to the United States Congress with a request that it be passed by the required two-thirds vote and submitted to the States for ratification.

Section 2. The Clerk of this City Commission is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to each Senator and Representative in the Ohio Congressional Delegation and to the State Senators and Representatives in the Ohio Legislature.

Section 3. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 4. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



DENNIS E. MURRAY, JR.
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION

ATTEST:



KELLY L. KRESSER
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: April 22, 2019