

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

RESOLUTION NO. 001, SERIES 2015

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN MUNICIPALITIES' PARTNERSHIP FOR PROSPERITY: AN AGENDA FOR A COMPETITIVE 21ST CENTURY WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature and the Governor understand that job creation and economic growth is a top priority; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are the foundation of Wisconsin's economy and local leaders share the same goal of job creation and economic vitality;

WHEREAS, the State should focus its support and limited resources for local government on incorporated communities, which are the economic engines of the state as evidenced by the following:

- Wisconsin's metropolitan regions already account for 75 percent of the state's Gross Domestic Product.
- Wisconsin's cities and villages are home to 70 percent of the state's population, 87 percent of all manufacturing property, and 89 percent of all commercial property.
- Most of the small businesses created in Wisconsin get their start in cities and villages.
- Cities and villages are where nearly all technology based entrepreneurship is occurring in Wisconsin.
- Startups and other knowledge-based economic activity occur almost exclusively within cities and villages.

WHEREAS, to compete globally, Wisconsin needs to develop and maintain quality communities that can attract and retain talent and enterprise and spur job creation;

WHEREAS, for the state's economy to flourish, state and local leaders must work collaboratively;

WHEREAS, the League of Wisconsin Municipalities' (League) Partnership for Prosperity legislative agenda recognizes that thriving municipalities are critical to a successful state economy and calls for a new state-local partnership to drive the state's economy forward and spur job creation by:

1. Helping communities continue to provide quality local services while holding the line on property taxes.
2. Investing in local transportation infrastructure.
3. Enhancing and promoting economic development best practices, like the expansion of the historic tax credit that was accomplished in the 2013-2014 legislative session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Grafton urges the Governor and the Legislature to work collaboratively with municipal leaders to accomplish the critical goals of job creation and economic growth.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Grafton urges the Legislature and the Governor to enact the League's Partnership for Prosperity agenda.

Adopted this 5th day of January, 2015.

Attest:



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Village Clerk



James A. Brunnuell
Village President