

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TWIN OAKS BOARD OF ALDERMEN URGING THE ST. LOUIS BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND ST. LOUIS COUNTY COUNCIL TO OPPOSE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A STATE-WIDE VOTE REGARDING OR MANDATING A CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE OF ST. LOUIS CITY AND ST. LOUIS COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES THEREIN**

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**WHEREAS**, certain legislators and other individuals seek to impose significant and potentially damaging changes to the governmental structure of St. Louis City and St. Louis County, including the municipalities in the County; and

**WHEREAS**, such persons believe that their scheme would not be favorably received by the voters of the City or the County; and

**WHEREAS**, such persons may seek a statewide vote on a constitutional amendment, or some form of legislative mandate, to accomplish their scheme and dilute the votes of or totally bypass the voters of the City and County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri Constitution, Article VI, Section 30(a) currently provides “the people of the city of St. Louis and the people of the county of St. Louis ...[with the] power (1) to consolidate the territories and governments of the city and county into one political subdivision under the municipal government of the city of St. Louis; or, (2) to extend the territorial boundaries of the county so as to embrace the territory within the city and to reorganize and consolidate the county governments of the city and county, and adjust their relations as thus united ...” and the designated process for such consolidation as set forth in Sections 30(a) and 30(b); and

**WHEREAS**, like the Missouri Constitution, the officials of the member municipalities of the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis believe that all discussions and votes on any plans to change their local government structure should be held only by the people of St. Louis City and County; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Louis County Council, which governs the most populous County in the state of Missouri with nearly one million residents, and the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis should have a major voice in all discussions of regional governance; and

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**WHEREAS**, the residents of all municipalities in St. Louis County through their local governing bodies should also have significant involvement in any such discussions to advance their interests;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF TWIN OAKS, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Based on the recitals above which are incorporated herein by reference, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Twin Oaks opposes any attempt to contravene or bypass the

Missouri Constitution, Art. VI, Sections 30(a) and 30(b), in favor of a statewide vote or legislative mandate on governmental reorganization regarding the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County and the municipalities therein and, therefore, urges the St. Louis County Council and the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, on behalf of their respective residents, to pass a similar resolution in opposition to any endeavor to circumvent the Missouri Constitution.

**Section 2.** Because the possible consolidation of the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County is an issue of local concern and not of state wide concern, the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen recommends regional discussions and local votes on any reorganization or consolidation plan that may be developed through such discussions.

**Section 3.** This Resolution is adopted and shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED AND APPROVED THE \_\_\_<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2017,  
BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF TWIN OAKS, MISSOURI.



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Russ Fortune, Mayor

Attest:



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Kathy A. Runge, City Administrator/Clerk