

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-043

RESOLUTION URGING ILLINOIS STATE LEADERS TO PASS A FINAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Illinois provides in Article VIII, Section 2; that the General Assembly pass a budget based on proposed expenditures and estimated funds; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has been operating without a Fiscal Year 2016 state budget since July 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, needed health and safety services and critical infrastructure services such as road construction, maintenance, and repair are negatively impacted by the lack of a state budget; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Vernon Hills and every other unit of local government is directly and indirectly adversely affected by the failure of the General Assembly to pass a budget; and

WHEREAS, consideration of cuts to local revenues and mandated property tax freezes in connection with the State's Fiscal Year 2016 budget threaten the stability and viability of local units of government; and

WHEREAS, the Village has done its part to meet its fiscal responsibilities and reduce expenses during and after times of economic recession, including significantly reducing its workforce, maintaining balanced budgets each year and funding its pension obligations; and

WHEREAS, the State's budget issues must not be used as an excuse to force uncertainty and financial instability upon units of local government and the residents who live there.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon Hills, Lake County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Resolution as findings of the President and Board of Trustees.

Section 2. President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon Hills call upon the Governor and General Assembly to discharge their respective Constitutional duties and promptly adopt a balanced State budget for Fiscal Year 2016;

Section 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor, Senate President, Senate Minority Leader, House Speaker, House Minority Leader, Lake County Municipal League and the Illinois Municipal League.

Section 4. This Resolution will be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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Dated this 16th day of March, 2016

Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6 – Marquardt, Koch, Williams, Grieb, Hebda, Schultz

NAYS: 0 - None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 0 - None



Roger Byrne
Village President

PASSED: 03/16/2016

APPROVED: 03/16/2016

ATTEST: 03/17/2016



John Kalmar
Village Manager/Clerk