

RESOLUTION NO. 14 - 21

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE OHIO STATE LEGISLATURE
TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO ADD OHIO TO THE
ROLL OF STATES WHICH HAVE ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS
TO TRIGGER AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF STATES**

WHEREAS, it is a fundamental precept of American government that the best governance is that which is closest, most accessible, and most accountable to the people; and

WHEREAS, it is for this reason that our Constitution strictly limits and defines the powers of the federal government, and explicitly reserves all remaining government functions to the states and the people; and

WHEREAS, in recent decades, the jurisdiction, authority, and resources of the state and local governments have been radically diminished by an ever-growing usurpation of jurisdiction and power by all three branches of the federal government, which has corresponded with an increasing confiscation of tax dollars that could otherwise remain in the states and localities; and

WHEREAS, the realities of human nature and institutional momentum make it a virtual certainty that federal officials will not individually, nor as institutions, ever undertake reforms that would halt or reverse the exponential growth of their own power; and

WHEREAS, unsurprisingly, the decisions, policies, laws, regulations, and actions of our federal officials and institutions in Washington, DC, are unresponsive to the unique needs and situations of individual states and localities; and

WHEREAS, neither state and local leaders nor individual citizens have any meaningful way to impact or influence the decision making of the federal officials and institutions which are now dictating many of the policies that govern them; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of state and local leaders to uphold and defend the U. S. Constitution, as well as the Ohio Constitution, and to use their positions of public trust in the best interest of the people; and

WHEREAS, the needs and interests of the people of our state and local communities can only be adequately served through restoration of the authority and resources originally reserved to the state and local levels of government ; and

WHEREAS, because systematic overreaching by all three branches of the federal government has gone unchecked at the federal level and resulted in *de facto* revisions of our Constitution to expand federal power and jurisdiction, the only proper, effective recourse is through the proposal and ratification of constitutional amendments that reject the perversions of constitutional language, reinstate the needed limitations on federal power and jurisdiction, and restore the authority of the state and local governments which are most responsive to the people; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution provides for the proposal of constitutional amendments on specific topics through a meeting (convention) of the states, and for the subsequent ratification of such amendments by three-fourths (38) of the states.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Harrison as follows:

SECTION I

The Council of the City of Harrison hereby calls upon the Senate and House of Representatives of the Ohio State Legislature, especially Senator Louis W. Blessing III and Representative Cindy Abrams, the elected representatives of those constituents, to advance and adopt with all possible speed, the concurrent legislative resolutions adding Ohio to the roll of the many other states which have adopted resolutions to trigger an Article V Convention of States which are limited to Fiscal Responsibility, Term Limits, and Reining in the Scope, Power and Jurisdiction of the Federal Government, to draft, consider, debate and propose constitutional amendments which, once ratified, would restore the proper measure of authority and resources to the levels of government closest and most responsible to the people.

SECTION II

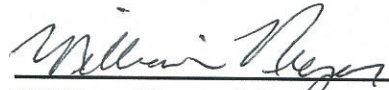
This Resolution shall be effective from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION III

It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or related to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this

Council, and all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees, if any, that resulted in such formal actions were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable legal requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

Dated: Oct. 5, 2021.



William Neyer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Risa Dole, Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Risa Dole, as Clerk of the Council of the City of Harrison, Ohio, hereby certify that a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 14-21 was passed by the Council of the City of Harrison, Ohio at its regular meeting held on the 5th day of October, 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Harrison, Hamilton County, Ohio this 5th day of October, 2021.



Risa Dole, Clerk

This Resolution was prepared by William M. Deters II, Director of Law