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Declaration of Fiscal Caution

Pursuant to Section 118.025(A), Revised Code, the Auditor of State developed guidelines for identifying fiscal practices and budgetary conditions that, if uncorrected, could result in a future declaration of a fiscal watch or fiscal emergency of a municipal corporation, county, or township. If the Auditor of State determines that a municipal corporation, county, or township is engaging in any of those practices or that any of those conditions exist, the Auditor of State may declare a municipal corporation, county, or township to be in a state of Fiscal Caution.

The Auditor of State's guidelines for a declaration of fiscal caution include (1) unauditable financial records; (2) significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, direct and material noncompliance as disclosed in the financial audit; (3) deficit fund balances; (4) a carryover fund balance of less than one month's average expenditures for two consecutive years, and (5) a failure to reconcile accounting journals and ledgers with the treasury.

Based on a review of fund financial data of the City of Alliance at October 25, 2017, the City of Alliance had 17 funds at December 31, 2016 and 13 funds at December 31, 2015 with a low year-end carryover balance, including the general fund, such that the balance represents an amount less than one month of expenditures and there are not sufficient resources in the general fund or any other fund that may be legally transferred to subsidize the funds.

Accordingly, the Auditor of State hereby declares the City of Alliance to be in a state of Fiscal Caution under Section 118.025(A) of the Ohio Revised Code. A copy of this declaration is being submitted to Alan C. Andreani, Ed.D., Mayor, Art Garnes, President of Council, and Kevin G. Knowles, City Auditor.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Yost".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State

January 18, 2018