

**DRAFT RESOLUTION
MERGER**

A RESOLUTION OF THE (Local Government Legislative Authority) **OF** (Local Government) **OHIO, ADOPTING A POSITION IN FAVOR OF A MERGER WITH** (Local Government) **AND PLACING SUCH ADOPTION ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE ELECTORS OF** (Local Government) **TO DECIDE ON THE POSITION IN EITHER FAVOR OR AGAINST AND TO ENCOURAGE THE ADOPTION BY THE ELECTORS FOR FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED MERGER.**

WHEREAS, the (LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY) and the (LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY) are responsible for the establishment of policies and procedures for their respective political subdivisions, and responsible for safety and welfare of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) and (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) along with other local governments across the state and country are confronting budgetary shortfalls and reduced federal, state and local revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, substantial significant long-term solutions must be provided for local governments to continue to provide, efficient, effective and quality services for residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) and (LOCAL GOVERNMENT), have come together and made the necessary studies and preparation for the merging of these local governments in order to continue to serve and provide the citizens of (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) and (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) with quality services; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Ohio General Assembly adopted House Bill 153, the state operating budget which, among other things, established new processes for political subdivisions to merge with one another;

WHEREAS, that Revised Code section (DEPENDS ON ENTITIES INVOLVED) provides that the legislative authority of a political subdivision can initiate the question of merger on a the ballot by a majority vote;

WHEREAS, (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) Ohio, and (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) Ohio, two political subdivisions in the State of Ohio, would like to merge into one political subdivision under the laws of Ohio and assume all rights and responsibilities that come with such a merger;

WHEREAS, the (LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY) of (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) Ohio desires by the adoption of this Resolution to place the question of merger on the ballot at the next general election, to be decided upon by the citizens and electorate of (LOCAL GOVERNMENT);

WHEREAS, the (LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY) of (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) Ohio strongly desires that the electorate of (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) votes in favor of such a merger between (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) and (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) at the next general election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE (LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY) of (LOCAL GOVERNMENT) that by a vote of (YEAS) to (NAYS), the question of merger will be placed upon the ballot of the next general election to be decided upon by the electorate of (LOCAL GOVERNMENT).

PASSED AND APPROVED by_____