

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-18**

**STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INVEST THE STATE BUDGET SURPLUS IN  
MUNICIPALITIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Requested by: Mayor Brandon L. King**

**Sponsored by: Council as a Whole**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have been advised of Ohio Governor John Kasich's proposal to use the projected State of Ohio budget surplus of \$147 million at the end of the biennium to fund an income tax withholding reduction and bring the state's rainy day fund to its maximum legal limit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio General Assembly has repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years by way of significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, eliminating the Estate Tax, and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

**WHEREAS**, these reductions have resulted in a loss of revenue of **\$23,376,123**; and

**WHEREAS**, this sudden revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services to fight the opioid epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, when municipalities experience success in fostering safe communities, building sound infrastructure, and increasing economic development, the State of Ohio reaps the benefits as well.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of East Cleveland, Ohio, four-fifths (4/5) of all members concurring that:

**SECTION 1.** The Ohio General Assembly should distribute the budget surplus revenue to Ohio's municipalities at the end of the biennium, ensuring that these local communities are able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

**SECTION 2.** This Council does hereby declare its opposition to Governor Kasich and the Ohio General Assembly depositing the state budget surplus into the rainy day fund and an income tax withholding reduction.

**SECTION 3.** That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure for the preservation of the City of East Cleveland by City Council and the administration necessary for the public peace, property, health, and/or safety of the inhabitants of the City provided it receives the affirmative vote of four-fifths (4/5) of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

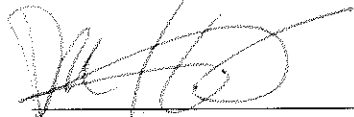
PASSED: August 21, 2018



**JOIE N. GRAHAM**  
**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

8/22/18  
Date of Signature

ATTEST:



**DR. KHADIJAH F. GUY**  
**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

8/22/18  
Date of Signature

APPROVED:



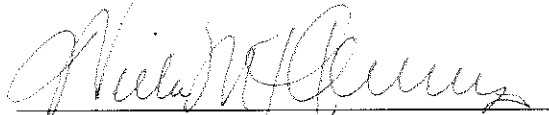
**BRANDON L. KING, MAYOR**

8-22-18  
Date of Signature

VETO:

YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



**WILLA M. HEMMONS**  
**DIRECTOR OF LAW**

8/22/18  
Date of Signature

Emergency  First Read n/a Second Read n/a

	Yea	Nay
Councilor Joie N. Graham	excused	
Councilor Ernest L. Smith	x	
Councilor Barbara J. Thomas	x	
Councilor Nathaniel Martin	x	
Councilor Timothy R. Austin	x	