

RESOLUTION NO: _____

Passed: May 9, 2011

RESOLUTION OPPOSING REDUCTION OF STATE COLLECTED REVENUES DUE MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS, all Illinois municipalities provide direct frontline services to their citizens; and

WHEREAS, these services have an immediate and fundamental reality to those citizens who depend on local police and fire protection, water and sewer service, snow removal, roads and traffic safety; and

WHEREAS, local citizens pay income taxes to the State for both the State budget and local municipal budgets and the revenue is collected by the State; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the State income tax in 1969, municipalities have received, relied upon and provided services with those revenues to their local taxpaying citizens; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal reality is that municipalities have already experienced less income tax revenues from the State; and

WHEREAS, the recent income tax increase provided new revenues all of which went to the State budget – NONE OF THE INCREASE WAS RECEIVED BY CITIES – costing over \$2.7 billion in future lost revenues; and

WHEREAS, the State, through its Legislature and Governor, is contemplating further reductions to municipal revenues;

WHEREAS, one proposal under discussion would take an additional \$300,000,000.00 of State-collected income tax from cities and counties, which would reduce their revenues by \$23.40 per capita; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Rochelle cannot preserve basic services with this tremendous loss of income tax revenues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Rochelle strongly opposes further reduction in state collected revenues and demands that the General Assembly and Governor take NO FURTHER ACTION TO FINANCIALLY RUIN MUNICIPALITIES.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of May, 2011.

ATTEST:

Bruce W. McKinney
City Clerk, City of Rochelle

Chet J. Olson
Mayor, City of Rochelle