

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S STATE RAIL GRANT PROGRAM FOR
CITY OF ROCHELLE RAIL IMPROVEMENTS**

RESOLUTION 2017-___

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation reviews and considers applicants for State Rail Grant, the Rochelle City Council wishes to voice its fullest support for City of Rochelle Rail Improvements; and

WHEREAS, this project exemplifies all the facets of smart investments of public funds, and will promote economic and industrial development; encourage regional job growth; and strengthen communities in northern Illinois that have suffered disproportionate economic distress and job losses and are rebuilding to become more competitive in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rochelle Railroad (CIR) provides a valuable resource that allows train switching to many industrial users, but currently is at capacity and requires expansion to accommodate industrial growth and continued job creation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The City of Rochelle supports an application to the Illinois DOT's State Rail Grant Program for up to \$2,580,000 to advance City of Rochelle Rail Improvements. If awarded, the IDOT grant will offset part of the City's funding match requirement for the \$3,420,601 grant awarded to Rochelle in 2016 by the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

Section 2. The City Clerk of the City of Rochelle is authorized and directed to attest the Mayor's signature, and that the Council formally resolves as outlined above, to denote their support of the grant application.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Rochelle, Illinois at a regular meeting thereof held on the ____ day of November 2017, and approved by me as Mayor on the same day.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor