

RESOLUTION NO. 02-15

**RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO
PROJECT FULL FUNDING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTIVE FUND
REVENUES**

WHEREAS, municipalities are front-line providers of government services to citizens and these services include police and fire protection, parks, infrastructure, water, sewer and utility services and snow removal;

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has a long-standing tradition of collecting tax revenues on behalf of municipal governments and municipalities have relied on shared income tax revenue to provide services to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have few options to raise significant revenue and rely on the full amount of revenue that the State collects on their behalf in order to fund the essential quality-of-life services expected and relied upon by community residents; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly increased the State income tax without providing any of the new revenues to municipalities and this loss of revenue has left the municipal share at levels collected during the Great Recession; and

WHEREAS, the Governor proposed a fifty percent (50%) reduction in the local share of the income tax during his FY2016 budget address, reducing local revenues by over \$600 million, and

WHEREAS, the loss of the stated-shared income tax revenue would result in elimination of countless jobs, local tax increases, program and service cuts, and could increase debt burdens that would be felt by all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Morton would lose \$825,000.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD
OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORTON, Tazewell County, Illinois, as follows:**

The Village of Morton urges the Governor and the General Assembly to protect full funding of the Local Government Distributive Fund and other revenue sources that allow local government to provide for the health, safety and general welfare of their residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval, and publication as may be required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Morton, Tazewell County, Illinois, this ___18th___ day of ___May___, 2015; and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

AYES: Belsley, Daab, Heer, Hermann, Kaufman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Blunier

ABSTAINING: None

APPROVED this ___18th___ day of ___May___, 2015.



President

ATTEST:



Village Clerk