

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 02

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1018 OF 2019, PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO CONTINUE A LEVY OF ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR STATE HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES; COUNTY ROADS, BRIDGES, AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION; AND CITY STREETS, BRIDGES, AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AFTER THE RETIREMENT OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED IN ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 91, AS SPECIAL REVENUE TO BE DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY REVENUE DISTRIBUTION LAW.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91, levies a one-half percent sales and use tax to provide additional funding for the state's four-lane highway system, county roads, and city streets; and,

WHEREAS, the one-half percent sales and use tax under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91 will expire on June 30, 2023 unless a new constitutional amendment is passed; and,

WHEREAS, HJR 1018 proposes that the sales and use tax levied under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91, be continued to provide special revenue for use of maintaining, repairing, and improving the state's system of highways, county roads, and city streets; and,

WHEREAS, without continuation of this sales and use tax the state will be unable to meet its needs to maintain and improve the state's system of state highways, county roads and city streets; and,

WHEREAS, the continuation of the one-half percent sales and use tax will ensure future investment in the state highway system, county roads, and city streets; and,

WHEREAS, this investment will create jobs, aid in economic development, improve quality of life, and provide additional transportation infrastructure; including a four-lane highway construction plan designed to connect all regions of the state; and,

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for all municipalities to support HJR 1018 as a necessary funding mechanism for our travel infrastructure and it will serve as an economic boon for the state.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE WITH CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

That we do hereby support the legal proposals stated in HJR 1018 of 2019 and encourage its adoption by the citizens of the City of Cherokee Village at the next general election in 2020.

Date: 11/17/20

Approved: Russell Stokes, Jr.
Russell Stokes, Jr., Mayor

Attest: Deborah Weichinger
Deborah Weichinger, City Clerk