

This Resolution prepared by Jeena Lynch, City Clerk of the City of Independence; 331 1<sup>st</sup> Street East, Independence, IA 50644; 319-334-2780.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-29**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HF773, FORMERLY HSB165, A PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE IOWA LEGISLATURE; WITHIN THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, BUCHANAN COUNTY, IOWA.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Independence believes that, in the spirit of Home Rule, city budgeting and spending is best left in the hands of locally elected governments;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Independence is a growing city that takes great care to provide the highest quality city services while remaining committed to conservative spending and responsible fund balances;

**WHEREAS**, increasing city taxes are often the result of state mandates, such as pension contributions, and commercial and multi-residential property tax rollbacks;

**WHEREAS**, each city has unique needs, goals and priorities such that uniform caps are not appropriate; and,

**WHEREAS**, the property tax reform bill under consideration was developed with little input from stakeholders and may result in unintended consequences damaging to the City.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, IOWA**, the City of Independence remains committed to keeping taxes low and providing great value to its citizens, but opposes HF773 as follows:

The City opposes limitations on the authority of locally elected officials;  
The City opposes proposed caps on property tax revenue growth;  
The City opposes proposed caps on ending fund balances;  
The City opposes limitations on the permitted use of the Trust and Agency Levy for costs of pensions and employee health insurance.

**Resolution No. 2019-29** was passed and approved by a majority vote of the City Council of Independence, Iowa, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019.

Record of Voting:

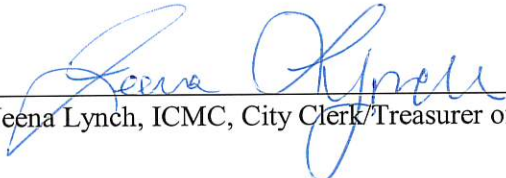
Ayes: Hayward, Hill, Scharff, O'Loughlin, Hanna, Vaughn, and Kurtz.

Nays:

**Resolution No. 2019-29** declared passed and adopted by the Mayor on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019.

  
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Bonita Davis, Mayor of the City of Independence, Iowa

ATTEST:

  
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Jeena Lynch, ICMC, City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Independence, Iowa