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## RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE DECLARING THAT THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IN MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITIES IS GENERALLY IN NEED OF MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT AS A RESULT OF A DECLINE IN REVENUE AVAILABLE TO MUNICIPALITIES AND INCREASED FEDERAL UNFUNDED MANDATES; ENCOURAGING THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITIES NEED ASSISTANCE IN MAINTAINING QUALITY PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE; AND REQUESTING THAT THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TAKE ACTION TO ASSIST MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITIES IN IMPROVING AND MAINTAINING THEIR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE THEREBY BENEFITING THEIR CITIZENS, THE STATE ECONOMY AND THE ENTIRE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi Municipal League (the "League") represents 295 of the 298 city, town and village governments in the State of Mississippi and strives to provide the leadership necessary to enable the State's 2,100 municipal leaders to better serve their citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal governments in Mississippi are responsible for over 23,000 lane miles of streets and bridges; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal governments in Mississippi provide water and sewer services to over 50% of the citizens in Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, quality public infrastructure in the State's municipalities is critical to the economic vitality of our municipalities and to a better quality of life for the citizens therein and the citizens of the Mississippi at large; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens of Mississippi expect and deserve safe streets and properly functioning water and sewer systems in their municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of providing and maintaining these services, while at the same time meeting Federal unfunded mandates, continues to increase, outpacing current municipal revenue streams; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, municipalities are falling behind in the maintenance and improvement of their public infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, investment in safer, modern and more efficient public infrastructure will pay dividends to the State now and for years to come if it is supported by appropriate and sufficient revenue; and

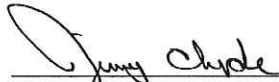
**WHEREAS**, legislative funding for public infrastructure in all Mississippi municipalities is in the best interest of the citizens of Mississippi for purposes of assisting municipal governments in efficiently and effectively providing public infrastructure services to its citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS OFFICERS, THAT ITS MEMBERS**, do hereby encourage the Mississippi Legislature to assist Mississippi municipalities by enacting measures that will assist municipalities in improving, repairing and maintaining their public infrastructure thereby benefiting their citizens, the State economy and the entire State of Mississippi.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to all members of the Mississippi Legislature.

Executed this the 20th day of January, 2017 for and on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Municipal League by:

MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

  
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**Jimmy Clyde,**

**President**

Attest:

  
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**Shari Veazey, Executive Director**