RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON BRINE INJECTION WELL OPERATIONS.

WHEREAS, there has been a recent increase in activity of hydraulic fracturing, siting, production and waste disposal operations from the natural gas industry in our local area; and

WHEREAS, these operations have been implicated in having the potential to be sources of environmental disasters, which may have a severe impact on the health, safety, and property of the citizens of the City of Girard; and

WHEREAS, there have been 11 recorded earthquakes with epicenters within 5 miles of a brine injection well since it commenced operation in the adjoining City of Youngstown, raising the alarm of the citizens and officials of the City of Girard and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, further study is needed and public hearings should be held on deep well natural gas drilling and its disposal operations in order to assess the potential risks of hydraulic fracturing to our natural resources, including local water supplies, infrastructure, public safety, economy and environment.

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly has removed local government authority and delegated exclusive authority for the regulation of the oil and gas industry to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mineral Resources Management.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY FORTY-SIXTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIRARD, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: That Girard City Council hereby supports an immediate, temporary moratorium on brine injection operations.

SECTION 2: That the Clerk of Council is hereby instructed to forward a copy of this resolution individuals as designated by Council.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS 9 DAY OF January, 2012.

ATTEST:

APPROVAL DATE: 1-09-12.
FIRST READING: 1-09-12.
SECOND READING: 1-09-12.
THIRD READING: 1-09-12.

MOTIONED BY: Shelby.
SECONDED BY: Gruenwald.
DATE: 1-09-12.

PRESENCE OF COUNCIL.