A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT GOVERNOR JOHN R. KASICH AND THE OHIO STATE LEGISLATURE MOVE SWIFTLY TO RETURN REASONABLE AND NECESSARY LOCAL CONTROL TO MUNICIPALITIES PERTAINING TO THE PLACEMENT OF OIL AND GAS URBAN DRILLING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Stow is dedicated to protecting the health and safety of its citizens and maintaining the integrity of its community through its zoning and planning practices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stow asserts that oil and gas companies be held to the same standards as any other business currently in Stow or requesting to do business in the City of Stow; and

WHEREAS, the Stow City Council acknowledges the current provisions of the Ohio Revised Code Section 1509.02 that gives the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) authority to permit oil and gas wells; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stow asserts its ordinances are within the City's Home- Rule authority and are reasonable and necessary to control urban oil and gas well drilling; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stow affirms that the citizens of local municipalities have a constitutional right to place reasonable and necessary regulations on the placement of oil gas wells within their boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOW, COUNTY OF SUMMIT AND STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Stow City Council supports the return of reasonable and necessary local control regarding urban drilling to local municipalities regarding the placement oil and gas wells within the boundaries of said political subdivisions.

SECTION 2. That the Stow City Council urges Governor John R. Kasich and Ohio State Legislature to take legislative action to return reasonable and necessary control regarding urban drilling to local municipalities regarding the placement of oil and gas wells within the boundaries of the said political subdivision.

SECTION 3. The Clerk of the Stow City Council is hereby directed to serve a copy of this Resolution upon Governor John R. Kasich, Ohio State Senator Frank LaRose and Ohio State Representative Kristina Daley Roegner.

SECTION 4. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any committees or subcommittees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 5. That this resolution was adopted pursuant to Section 4.11 Charter, and is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety for the reason that urban drilling has serious and potential harmful or negative effects upon residents surround the placement of oil and gas wells, and, pursuant to Section 4.13, Charter, shall take effect upon its adoption by Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise at the earliest period allowed by law.
RES. NO. 2013-30
(Resolution Urging State to Return Control to Municipalities
For Placement Oil and Gas Drilling)