

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILLS 4274 and 4275 –
REVENUE SHARING TRUST FUND**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held on the 26th day of November, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. local time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by _____
and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, In 1946, the State Constitution was amended to provide constitutional revenue sharing of sales tax collections with local units of government on a per capita basis; and

WHEREAS, Constitutional revenue sharing has always been fully funded, with the sole exception of the 1980-1982 recession; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, an additional revenue sharing program was created through statute, further sharing an additional percentage of sales tax collections; and

WHEREAS, Statutory revenue sharing has not been fully funded since 2001, underfunding local governments by more than \$10,000,000,000 to date; and

WHEREAS, House Bills 4274 and 4275 would establish a Revenue Sharing Trust Fund in the Michigan Department of Treasury, dedicating a portion of general sales tax revenue to a restricted fund for the purpose of distributing those funds to local governments; and

WHEREAS, The Revenue Sharing Trust Fund would protect vital resources, help provide critical local services that are relied on daily, and would return more money to townships, on a more consistent basis, helping stabilize local government finances; and

WHEREAS, The Revenue Sharing Trust Fund would make reductions in Statutory revenue sharing much more difficult going forward, utilizing the Trust Fund as a safe guard, instead of the legislature being able to make changes during the annual appropriation process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, that it hereby supports approval of both House Bills 4274 and 4275, which would have the effect of establishing a Revenue Sharing Trust Fund, and would urge the Governor to sign them into law, if given the opportunity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Township shall send a copy of this resolution to the Offices of Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Sam Singh, Representative Julie Brixie, and Representative Penelope Tsernoglou.

ADOPTED: YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of proceedings taken by the Township Board at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024.



Angela Demas, Clerk
Meridian Charter Township