

BILL NO. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION FROM THE INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PENDING PROPOSAL BEFORE THE MID-CONTINENT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO LOWER THE LIBRARY LEVY BY 2.28 CENTS.

WHEREAS, the Mid-Continent Public Library (MCPL) is governed by a twelve member Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, by Missouri Statute, each county in the library district may appoint four representatives to the Board; and,

WHEREAS, the Clay County Commission, Platte County Commission, and the Jackson County Executive make these appointments annually; and,

WHEREAS, MCPL plays a vital role in the Independence community and the region as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, in 2016 voters overwhelmingly (62.3%) approved a levy increase to provide expanded access, new and renovated buildings, expanded collections, and increased services; and,

WHEREAS, despite this vital community service, a contingency of the Mid-Continent Public Library Board of Trustees is proposing lowering the Library levy by 2.28 cents for a total of 32.40 cents (current rate is 34.68 cents) which equates to approximately a \$4.3 million reduction in revenue effective this fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, a reduction of the levy rate would require the Library to cut planned expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Independence City Council expresses its opposition to the proposal to reduce the library levy by 2.28 cents and calls on the Mid-Continent Public Library Board of Trustees to reject this misguided proposal at their next meeting on Tuesday, September 20th, 2022.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

Presiding Officer of the City Council of
the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager