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Cities: Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City,
Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland

Townships: Canton Charter Township, Huron Charter Township, Northville Charter Township,
Plymouth Charter Township, Redford Charter Township, Sumpter Township and
Van Buren Charter Township.

CWW RESOLUTION

URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL PUBLIC ACT 256 OF 2011

November 13, 2015

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan adopted into law Public Act 256 of 2011 (Michigan Fireworks Safety Act) that took effect on January 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 256 of 2011 now provides for the sale of consumer fireworks, including aerial and explosive, in various retail locations and severely restricts the authority of a local unit of government to regulate sales, possession and use; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 256 of 2011, which liberalized the law on selling fireworks to unlicensed citizens and prohibited local governments from totally banning their use, has resulted in far more fireworks-related noise, litter and potential safety issues; and

WHEREAS, the additional business and revenue generated by Public Act 256 of 2011 has not been sufficient to compensate residents for the threat to their health, safety and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned consequences of the widespread availability and use of aerial and explosive fireworks have prompted citizens to express their discontent with the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, demonstrating that current state law poses a threat to the welfare of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, previous efforts to amend Public Act 256 of 2011 have failed to resolve these problems; and

WHEREAS, aerial and explosive fireworks continue to be offered for sale in Michigan, local law enforcement does not have the resources to enforce regulatory local ordinances; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conference of Western Wayne urges the Michigan Legislature to promptly pass legislation to repeal Public Act 256 of 2011 and reinstate the ban on aerial and explosive fireworks to restore the quality of life and safety that our citizens expect.

Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, CWW Chairman of the Board:

I attest that this is a true and correct copy of the Motion adopted by the CWW Board of Directors at its regular meeting held on November 13, 2015 in the City of Belleville.

Motion: Mayor Jack O'Reilly, City of Dearborn

Support: Mayor Jack Kirksey, City of Livonia

AYES: Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Redford Township, Chair
Mayor Jack O'Reilly, City of Dearborn, Vice Chair
Mayor Kerreen Conley, City of Belleville, Treasurer
Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Canton Township, Secretary
Mayor Pro-Tem Jaylee Lynch, City of Garden City
Mayor Jack Kirksey, City of Livonia
Mayor Ken Roth, City of Northville
Supervisor Robert Nix II, Northville Township
City Commissioner Oliver Wolcott, City of Plymouth
Supervisor Shannon Price, Plymouth Township
Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus
Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis, Sumpter Township
Executive Assistant Lianne Clair, Van Buren Township
Mayor Susan Rowe, City of Wayne
Mayor William Wild, City of Westland

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Township Trustee Donna Mendrysa, Huron Township

ABSENT: City of Dearborn Heights and City of Inkster



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