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Attn: Nancy M. Finegood
Executive Director
Michigan Historic Preservation Network
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Ms. Finegood:

Recently, the City of Battle Creek Historic District Commission and City Commission provided unanimous support of Senate Bill 469 through the attached resolution to reinstate Michigan's historic preservation tax credit program. The City of Battle Creek has five local historic districts consisting of hundreds of historic buildings, as well as numerous other historic buildings located throughout the community. Undoubtedly, the passing of this bill will provide a city-wide benefit to the City of Battle Creek and its residents.

Thank you for taking the time in reading and considering our supporting resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric S. Feldt".

Eric S. Feldt, AICP, CFM

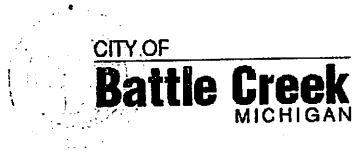
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A Resolution encouraging the State Legislature to pass Senate Bill 469/ House Bill 5178 to Reinstate Michigan's Historic Property Tax Credit Program.

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Resolved by the Commission of the City of Battle Creek:

The historic buildings, neighborhoods and places in Michigan villages, towns and cities distinguish each community and provide character and a sense of place that contribute significantly to the quality of life and the economic benefits enjoyed in and by each community; and

The preservation and rehabilitation of historic buildings, places and neighborhoods contribute to the beauty, character, and economic vitality of Michigan communities; and

The labor-intensive nature of historic rehabilitation creates jobs and investment in local businesses and has been proven to generate more economic activity than equivalent investment in new construction; and

Demolition or destruction of historic buildings creates costs to Michigan and its communities by destroying the embodied energy present in each structure and adding significantly to landfills, whose makeup is estimated to be more than 40 percent building materials and waste; and

Development and redevelopment within established villages, townships and cities is encouraged to help fulfill Michigan's goals to Restore Our Cities, Protect Our Environment, and Create More and Better Jobs; and

Many public policies, financial and lending practices, and policies create disincentives or barriers to the preservation, renovation and rehabilitation historic buildings and resources and create a preferential financial environment for new construction; and

Michigan measured the economic impacts of the state historic tax credit (HTC) programs and has seen significant positive direct impacts on neighborhood and community revitalization, affordable and market-rate housing preservation and creation, local skilled jobs creation and additional private investment in areas surrounding tax-credit-drive revitalization projects. Results of those measurements show that each \$1.00 of credit issued leverages \$11.37 in direct economic impact. During its twelve-year history, the Michigan HTC leveraged \$251 million in Federal historic tax credits; and

The former Michigan HTC has leveraged \$1.46 billion in direct rehabilitation activity and created 36,000 jobs since its enactment in 1999 through its 2011 elimination; and

The Michigan legislature is presently considering Senate Bill 469 and House Bill 5178 that would reinstate an up-to-25 percent investment tax credit for owners of historic residential and commercial properties who substantially rehabilitate their properties; and

At its April 9, 2018 meeting, the City of Battle Creek Historic District Commission passed a resolution containing this same language supporting the reinstatement of the State Historic Preservation Tax Credits as found in Senate Bill 469/House Bill 5178.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on this date, the City of Battle Creek endorses and supports Senate Bill 469 and House Bill 5178 and calls upon the Michigan Legislature to pass this important legislation and upon its passage, encourages Governor Snyder to sign the legislation in order to stimulate appropriate development and redevelopment and protect the historic character and quality of life of the City of Battle Creek and all other communities in the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to State Senator Mike Nofs and State Representative John Bizon, the Senate Finance Committee, Governor Snyder and the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.

I, Victoria Houser, City Clerk of the City of Battle Creek, hereby certify the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Battle Creek City Commission at a Regular meeting held on April 17, 2018.

Victoria L. Houser
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