



CITY OF BIG RAPIDS

226 North Michigan Avenue
Big Rapids, MI 49307

April 30, 2018

Michigan Historic Preservation Network Member
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

REF: Support of the reinstatement of State Historic Tax Credits - Senate Bill 469 and House Bill 5178.

Dear Michigan Historic Preservation Network Member:

On April 16, 2018, the City of Big Rapids adopted a resolution supporting the reinstatement of State Historic Tax Credits - Senate Bill 469 and House Bill 5178. The Big Rapids City Commission supports these two bills and calls upon the Michigan Legislature to pass this important legislation and Governor Snyder to sign it, in order to stimulate appropriate development and redevelopment and protect the historic character and quality of life of our communities.

Attached, you will find a certified copy of that resolution.

Sincerely,

Tamyra K. Gillis, MMC, CMMC
City Clerk

The City of Big Rapids is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

City Manager	231-592-4020	City Treasurer	231-592-4010	Neighborhood Services	231-592-4035
Assessing	231-592-4030	DART	231-796-8675	Public Safety	231-527-0005
City Clerk	231-592-4020	Income Tax	231-592-4012	Public Works	231-592-4015
Water Plant	231-796-6231	Wastewater Plant	231-796-8483		

RESOLUTION NO. 18-56

Commissioner Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cochran, the adoption of the following:

SUPPORTING THE REINSTATEMENT OF STATE HISTORIC TAX CREDITS SENATE BILL 469/ HOUSE BILL 5178

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, the preservation and rehabilitation of historic buildings, places and neighborhood contributes to the beauty, character, and economic vitality of Michigan communities; and,

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, 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

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

WHEREAS, Michigan has measured the economic impacts of the state historic tax credit programs and 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-driven revitalization projects; each \$1.0 of credit issued leverages \$11.37 in direct economic impact. The Michigan HTC, during its twelve-year history has leveraged \$251 million in Federal historic tax credits, and

WHEREAS, the former Michigan Historic Tax Credit has leveraged \$1.46 billion in direct rehabilitation activity and created 36,000 jobs since its enactment in 1999 through its elimination in 2011, and

WHEREAS, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission that the City of Big Rapids endorses and supports Senate Bill 469 and House bill 5178 and calls upon the Michigan

Legislature to pass this important legislation and Governor Snyder to sign it, in order to stimulate appropriate development and redevelopment and protect the historic character and quality of life of our communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Senator Judy Emmons, State Representative Michele Hoyenga, the Senate Finance Committee, Governor Snyder and the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.

Yeas: Anderson, Cochran, Eppley, Hogenson, James

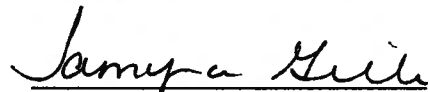
Nays: None

The Mayor declared the Resolution adopted.

Dated: April 16, 2018

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution no. 18-56 is a true and complete copy of a resolution of the City of Big Rapids duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Commission of said City held on April 16, 2018.

I further certify that said resolution has been recorded in the Minute Book of the City of Big Rapids and that such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk.



Tamyra Gillis, City Clerk

Dated: April 30, 2018