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## **CWW RESOLUTION 2014-106**

## URGING THE SWIFT PASSAGE OF SENATE BILLS 1023 AND 1024 TO REPEAL PUBLIC ACT 256 OF 2011

September 12, 2014

**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 Senate Bills 1023 and 1024 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; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Conference of Western Wayne will forward this resolution to Governor Rick Snyder, Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville, Speaker of the House Jase Bolger, Bill Sponsor Senator Glenn Anderson and our State Senators and Representatives.

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 September 12, 2014 in the City of Livonia.

Motion: Mayor Chris Johnson, City of Northville

Second: Mayor Al Haidous, City of Wayne

Ayes: Mayor Kerreen Conley, City of Belleville Mayor Hilliard Hampton, City of Inkster Mayor Jack Kirskey, City of Livonia Mayor Chris Johnson, City of Northville Mayor Leroy Burcroff, City of Romulus Mayor Al Haidous, City of Wayne Mayor William Wild, City of Westland Krissy Laslo, City of Dearborn Heights Doug Feldkamp, City of Dearborn Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Redford Township Marjorie Banner, Northville Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Canton Township Supervisor Linda Combs, Van Buren Township

Nays: Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Township

Absent: Sumpter Township, Plymouth Township, City of Plymouth, Garden City



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