**RESOLUTION 22-18-R**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING STATE ISSUE 1, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have been advised of State Issue 1 To Reduce Penalties for Crimes of Obtaining, Possessing, and Using Illegal Drugs, a proposed constitutional amendment proposed by initiative petition; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 will appear on the statewide ballot on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for consideration by Ohio voters; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional amendment would greatly alter the sentencing laws for obtaining, possessing, and using any drug such as a fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, LSD, and other controlled substances; and

WHEREAS, State Issue 1 would shift the costs for drug treatment from the State to local governments; and

WHEREAS, local government entities are already struggling to fund the opioid crisis in their jurisdictions as a result of the drastic budget cuts they have experienced in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the projected savings of $100 million annually applies to the State only, while local governments will see significant increases in costs for treatment, probation, courts, and local jails—costs that tax payers will be required to pay; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional amendment would require another statewide initiative and election, not just a legislative change, to amend if problems arise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Celina, County of Mercer, and State of Ohio.

SECTION ONE

THAT, this Council urges Ohioans to oppose State Issue 1 on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

SECTION TWO

THAT, this Council does hereby declare its opposition to State Issue 1.

SECTION THREE

THAT, this Resolution shall be declared an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare, and for the further reason that early voting begins October 10, 2018. NOW, therefore, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor at the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of , 2018.

Jason D. King, President of Council

ATTEST:

Joan S. Wurster, Clerk of Council

APPROVED , 2018.

Jeffrey S. Hazel, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

George Erik Moore, Esq., City Law Director