

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-24

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING LEGISLATION TO REDUCE CASINO FUNDS
RECEIVED BY LAKE COUNTY AND LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITIES DUE TO
ANY REDUCTION IN THE ADMISSION TAXES COLLECTED FROM CASINO BOATS**

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana collects admission taxes from casino boat operators in Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hobart typically receives approximately \$350,000 per year from the casino boat admission taxes collected by the state; and

WHEREAS, the casino boat admission taxes received by the City of Hobart have become an important funding source for capital projects such as street paving, sidewalk repair and vehicle purchases; and

WHEREAS, the casino industry in Indiana is experiencing increased competition from neighboring states; and

WHEREAS, the casino industry is an important part of the economy of Lake County and the longterm viability of the industry must be preserved and the revenues collected from the industry must be protected; and

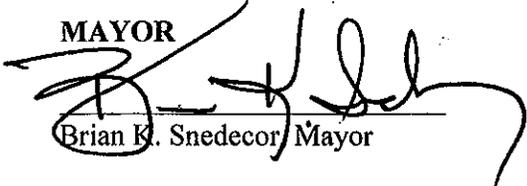
WHEREAS, the public policy study committee of the state legislature has begun discussing ways to help the casino industry improve its profitability including the reduction or elimination of the admission taxes paid by the casino boats to the state

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That a policy position is clearly stated by the Common Council of the City of Hobart that no legislation should be considered or passed which would reduce the casino boat admission taxes received by Lake County or the communities in Lake County, including the City of Hobart.
2. That the State legislators from Northwest Indiana should work together to insure that there is no reduction in casino boat admission taxes paid to Lake County or the communities in Lake County, including the City of Hobart and instead they should work to find ways to help the casino industry without reducing the admission taxes paid to Lake County or the communities in Lake County, including the City of Hobart.

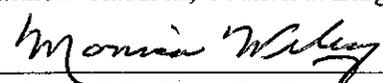
SO RESOLVED THIS 15th DAY OF October 2014.

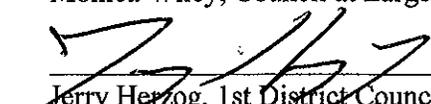
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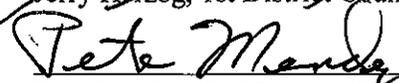

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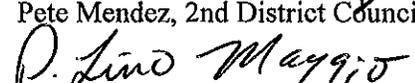
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