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## RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 009

### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

**WHEREAS**, local elected decision-makers are in the best position to determine what health, safety and welfare regulations best serve their constituents; and

**WHEREAS**, just like state legislative leaders, local elected officials are held accountable through Minnesota's robust elections process; and

**WHEREAS**, ordinances at the local level are enacted only after a comprehensive, legal and open process; and

**WHEREAS**, local units of government are required to publish notices about meetings where policies will be discussed and decisions will be made; and

**WHEREAS**, under the state's Open Meeting Law, public policy discussions and decisions must occur in meetings that are accessible to members of the public; and

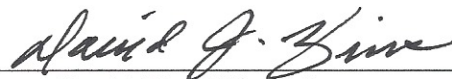
**WHEREAS**, cities are often laboratories for determining public policy approaches to the challenges that face residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, preservation of local control in Minnesota has yielded statewide benefits such as the 2007 Freedom to Breathe Act, an amendment to the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act; and


**WHEREAS**, more than two dozen bills that restrict local decision-making have been introduced in 2017 to date.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Hoyt Lakes supports local decision-making authority and opposes legislation that removes the ability for local elected officials to respond to the needs of their businesses and constituents.

**ADOPTED** by the Hoyt Lakes City Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017



David Zins, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:   
Rebecca Burich, City Clerk-Treasurer