

Resolution 2004-20
Lake County Sales Tax for Transportation Referendum

WHEREAS, over 600,000 people live and work within the 52 municipalities, 16 townships, and unincorporated areas of Lake County and it is one of the fastest growing counties in the nation; and

WHEREAS, safe, reliable and efficient transportation systems are vitally important to the economic wellbeing and the quality of life in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, vehicle travel on Illinois roadways have increased by 21% from 1991 to 2001 and Lake County's population grew to 644,356, an increase of 127,938 in the same period; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board voted unanimously on December 9, 2003, to place a question authorizing a ¼% sales tax for transportation purposes on the March 16, 2004 ballot; and

WHEREAS, the tax will not include groceries, prescription drugs or automobiles, and will cost 25¢ on every \$100 spend in Lake County, and will generate roughly \$15 million per year; and

WHEREAS, the monies generated from the tax will be used solely for transportation projects throughout the county, and with cooperation from state and local officials; and

WHEREAS, the amount of congestion in rush hour costs Illinois' resident an average of \$1,235 annually in wasted time and fuel, and this sales tax will dramatically decrease this amount; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Vernon Hills, representing 20,120 residents who use the various transportation systems in Lake County on a daily basis, will benefit from this tax.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Vernon Hills supports the Lake County Sales Tax for Transportation Referendum and will forward a copy of this resolution to Lake County Residents for Traffic Relief: PO Box 6474 Libertyville, IL 60048-6474.

Dated this 3rd day of February 2004.

Adopted by a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6-Hebda, Koch, Williams, Cashman, Duros, Byrne

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:

Roger L. Byrne
Village President

PASSED: 2/03/2004

APPROVED: 2/03/2004

ATTEST:

Jeanne M. Schwartz
Village Clerk

