

# Resolution

INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_ Council Members present \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE EFFORTS TO STUDY THE GOVERNANCE OF THE ST. LOUIS REGION**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Ferguson was incorporated by its residents in 1898 for the purpose of providing municipal services to the community already established along the Wabash railroad; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Ferguson believes municipal governments and the services they provide are irreplaceable primary levels of any democratic society; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Ferguson has a proud past of service to its residents, it has also been regional leader, serving as a founding member of the St. Louis Municipal League with a Ferguson Mayor serving as the League's first president; and

**WHEREAS,** the Missouri Legislature has established a Joint Interim Committee to study the St. Louis regional governance; and

**WHEREAS,** groups such as Better Together STL, St. Louis is a World Class City, the Regional Chamber and others are also actively discussing ways to change our regional governance; and

**WHEREAS,** while the citizens of the City of Ferguson proudly declare to anyone at home or abroad that they live in Ferguson when asked, we still recognize we are also St. Louisians;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI, as follows:**

**Section 1.** The City of Ferguson hereby welcomes any free, fair, and honest examination of the governance of the St. Louis region by any group willing to be academically rigorous and unbiased in the collection, compilation, and analysis of any related data.

**Section 2.** The City of Ferguson reserves any decision to support or oppose any proposals currently being considered or may be considered in the future until such time that a thorough and academically rigorous analysis of the data may support any changes to our regional structure or governance.

**THIS RESOLUTION PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI, THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2014.**

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James W. Knowles III, Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk