

RESOLUTION NO. 14 (24-25)

A Resolution of support authorizing the Director of Public Safety and Service of the City of Marietta, Ohio to submit an application to participate in the 2024 Ohio Capital Bill budget appropriation in the maximum allowable amount for the Start Westward Monument Restoration Project, and declaring an EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Marietta, Ohio has the National Monument "Start Westward of the United States" located in East Muskingum Park to commemorate the establishment of the first civil government outside the original thirteen states, as provided in the Ordinance of the Northwest Territory of 1787; and,

WHEREAS, the climate and environmental conditions of the Mid-Ohio Valley over the last 80 years are showing a distressing effect on the coarse-grained sandstone features of the monument; and,

WHEREAS, if the monument is left unaddressed any longer, the damage to our iconic monument will become irreversible; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Marietta, Ohio created a Start Westward Monument/East Muskingum Park Restoration Committee, tasked with developing a mission to: 1) restore and protect the Start Westward Monument, sandstone pylons and the esplanade; 2) promote the significance of the Ordinance of the Northwest Territory to our local and national heritage; and 3) improve the facilities within the East Muskingum Park to enhance the community's use of the historical and recreational space; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Marietta, Ohio adopted Resolution No. 133 (16-17) passed on December 7, 2017 to establish and designate the Start Westward Monument; East Muskingum and Sacra Via Parks Restoration Fund as a special fund for the City of Marietta, Ohio; and

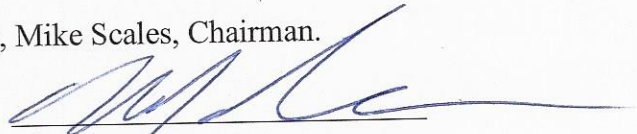
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WHEREAS, the Ohio Capital Bill Budget is a great opportunity to fund and invest in important projects in the local community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARIETTA, OHIO:

- Section 1: That the Director of Public Safety and Service of the City of Marietta, Ohio has the support of the Council of the City of Marietta, Ohio and the Administration, and is hereby authorized to submit an application to participate in the 2024 Ohio Capital Bill budget appropriation in the maximum allowable amount for the Start Westward Monument Restoration Project.
- Section 2: The Ohio History Connection document budget attached hereto, adopted and incorporated herein as Exhibit 'A'.
- Section 3: That this Resolution shall be and is hereby declared to be an EMERGENCY measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City of Marietta, Ohio, and for the further reason that the 2024 Ohio Capital Bill budget appropriation request needs to be submitted immediately for funding consideration; WHEREFORE; this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its passage and approval by the Mayor.


Introduced by the Finance and Taxation Committee, Mike Scales, Chairman.


Chairman

Passed this 21st day of March, 2024.



President of Council

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council

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Approved this 21st day of March, 2024.



Mayor

First Reading March 21, 2024

Second Reading Suspended

Third Reading Suspended