

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2017-024
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 BY THE NORTHFIELD CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The City Council of the City of Northfield hereby supports local decision-making authority and opposes legislation that removes the ability for local elected officials to respond to the needs of non profits, businesses, and their constituents.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield this 21st day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

VOTE: ___ POWNELL ___ COLBY ___ DELONG ___ NAKASIAN
 ___ NESS ___ PETERSON WHITE ___ ZWEIFEL