

## RESOLUTION

### Opposition to Proposal 15-1

WHEREAS Michigan Republicans, through our national platform, promote low taxes and conservative spending while living within our budget;

WHEREAS the Michigan legislature has the duty of maintaining quality roads through allocation of funds levied from the public in the form of taxes;

WHEREAS the Michigan legislature relinquished their responsibility by voting to force citizens, through a publicly-funded ballot initiative, to increase their taxes for "road funding";

WHEREAS the Michigan legislature increased both the state and federal spending within our annual budget by \$5.3 billion since 2011;

WHEREAS the Michigan legislature proposed massive tax increases in the form of an increased sales tax, vehicle registration fees, and wholesale gas tax, where as much as 58% of these aforementioned tax increases would be allocated for other spending besides our roads;

WHEREAS the Michigan legislature could have reduced corporate welfare programs such as "film credits" totaling \$100 million, and could have raised another \$224 million by repealing the "prevailing wage" laws that prevent competitive bidding on state-funded projects;

WHEREAS the Michigan legislature has not made serious consideration of revising the MTF Distribution Formula in PA-51 or any of the specialized funds currently in place in order to prioritize fund allocation or eliminate waste;

WHEREAS should the May 5th ballot proposal known as "Prop 15-1" pass, it would force Michigan drivers to pay the highest gas tax in the nation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County (RCNMC) stands in opposition to Proposal 15-1;

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED, that should the proposal fail, the Committee insists that the Michigan legislature seek an alternative solution to road funding which does not impose increased taxes or fees on Michigan taxpayers, or cut local government funding but includes re-prioritizing funds from less critical programs to road repair;

This resolution is adopted by the Committee on March 30, 2015.



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Robert Montilla, Chairperson  
Republican Committee of Northern Macomb County