

## RESOLUTION NO. 362

### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER AT MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

**WHEREAS** the Local Government Center was established at Montana State University in 1985, initially to provide assistance to counties and municipalities and their local government study commissions mandated by the Montana Constitution;

**AND WHEREAS**, in 1993 the Montana State Legislature formally established the mission of the Local Government Center to "strengthen the capacities of Montana's local governmental units to deliver essential services efficiently and to provide training, technical assistance, and research to local officials";

**AND WHEREAS**, the Local Government Center has, for the past 19 years, faithfully carried out the mission established for it by the Montana legislature by providing advice to local governments and critical training in the form of the Mayors Academy, the Municipal Institute for Clerks, Treasurers and Finance Officers, the Municipal Institute for Elected Officials, and the Jim Tillotson Service Program for continuing education for city attorneys;

**AND WHEREAS**, in addition, the Local Government Center has provided regional training sessions in neighboring communities and conducts beneficial Webinar presentations on issues of importance to local governments;

**AND WHEREAS**, the elected and appointed officials of the Town of Stevensville have received valuable training and advice from the Local Government Center since its establishment in 1985;

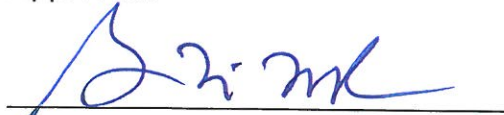
**AND WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Stevensville believes that it is important to the Town and other local governments in the State of Montana that the Local Government Center continue to effectively perform its mission of providing assistance to local governments;

**AND WHEREAS** adequate funding is necessary to assure that the Local Government Center can continue to effectively perform its mission;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY** the Town Council of the Town of Stevensville, Montana that it hereby endorses the Local Government Center at Montana State University, and supports the continued funding of the Local Government Center at adequate levels to permit it to continue to effectively fulfill its mission of providing technical assistance, training, and research for local governments in Montana, and urges the Montana legislature and the Board of Regents to assure that such adequate funding continues.

Passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Stevensville, Montana, this 1<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.

Approved:



Gene Mim Mack, Mayor

Attest:



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk