RESOLUTION NO. R-18-64

A RESOLUTION URGING GLADSTONE VOTERS TO BECOME KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT PROPOSITION D, A NOVEMBER 6 BALLOT ISSUE RELATED TO FUNDING IMPROVED HIGHWAYS, ROADS AND BRIDGES.

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri has approximately 33,865 miles of state highways, 73,698 miles of county roads, 23,000 miles of city roads, 10,400 state owned bridges and 14,089 bridges owned by local governments; and

WHEREAS, Missouri uses the proceeds of its state motor fuel tax for road and bridge construction and maintenance, and the rate has not changed since 1996; and

WHEREAS, Missouri is in desperate need of improved highways, roads and bridges which affect everything from recreation to economic development and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Missouri legislators voted to place Proposition D on the November 6 ballot, giving citizens the final say in boosting Missouri's motor fuel tax for the first time in 22 years; and

WHEREAS, if passed by Missouri voters, Proposition D would increase the motor fuel tax a total of ten cents (\$.10) over a four-year period beginning July 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, after full implementation on July 1, 2022, it is estimated that Proposition D will provide \$123 million to local governments in new annual revenue for funding of local transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Transportation estimates that, upon full implementation, the City of Gladstone would receive approximately \$399,000.00 in new annual revenue for City road and bridge projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Gladstone, Missouri, urges voters in the City of Gladstone and throughout Missouri to become knowledgeable about Proposition D to determine whether they support or oppose the funding of highway, road and bridge improvement needs through an increase in the motor fuel tax and to participate by voting in the November 6, 2018, election.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, THIS 22nd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018,

Bill Garnos Mayor

ATTEST:

Ruth & Bocchino, City Clerk