

RESOLUTION NO. 5-2025

AN RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA IN SUPPORT OF STATE ISSUE 2, RENEWAL OF THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ON THE MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 STATEWIDE BALLOT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) is a state-local government partnership program that funds local infrastructure projects in communities across Ohio;

WHEREAS, the program has, for nearly 40 years, provided over \$7 billion for improvements to keep Ohio's roads and bridges safe and in good condition for residents, first responders, and all motorists traveling on Ohio roadways, and to improve local wastewater treatment, water supply, and stormwater infrastructure in all 88 Ohio counties;

WHEREAS, the SCIP provides essential grants, loans, and loan assistance to local governments;

WHEREAS, the renewal of the SCIP will not raise taxes for Ohioans and the renewal is critical to prevent a gap in infrastructure investment, as the current authorization is set to sunset July 1, 2025;

WHEREAS, funding for the State Capital Improvement Program relies on an amendment to Ohio's Constitution about every ten years, and has been overwhelmingly approved by voters three times since its creation in 1987;

WHEREAS, the City of New Philadelphia has benefitted from SCIP, receiving over \$1.7 million dollars in grant funds for six road infrastructure projects, which have significantly improved the quality of life and safety for New Philadelphia residents;

WHEREAS, infrastructure investment encourages economic development, creates and maintains business, contributes to public health and safety, creates construction jobs and helps keep Ohio competitive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of New Philadelphia joins the Strong Ohio Communities coalition in support of State Issue 2 and urges a YES vote on Issue 2 on May 6, 2025.

SECTION 2. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and its immediate passage is necessary in order to preserve, protect and maintain the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of New Philadelphia, Ohio.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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DONALD C. KEMP  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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JULIE COURTRIGHT  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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MAYOR JOEL B. DAY

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