CITY OF CHEVIOT STATE OF OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 23-04

TO STRONGLY URGE THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS.

WHEREAS, the Local Government Fund was reduced in 2011 by 50% during Gov. Kasich's Administration from 3.68% of General Revenue Funds to its current level of 1.66% of General Revenue Funds; and

WHEREAS, past Ohio General Assemblies have repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years in addition to significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, including eliminating the Estate Tax and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, these reductions have resulted in a loss of revenue of \$496,018.59 from 2011 to 2018 for the City of Cheviot; and

WHEREAS, this sudden revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services; and

WHEREAS, when municipalities experience success in fostering safe communities, building sound infrastructure, and increasing economic development, the State of Ohio reaps the benefits as well.

WHEREAS, a reinvestment in the Local Government Fund would aid the state in its goal of lowering taxes on the individual by enabling municipalities to decrease the local tax burden.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHEVIOT, STATE OF OHIO THAT:

<u>Section 1.</u> The Ohio General Assembly should restore the Local Government Fund to prerecession levels, ensuring that local communities are able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

<u>Section 2.</u> This Council does hereby declare its opposition to any further cuts to the Local Government Fund or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.

Kerry Smyth

President of Council

Samuel D. Keller

Mayor

Date passed

Date approved

| Attest: | Approved as to form: |
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| Jenny M. Eilermann Clerk of Council | Kimberlee Erdman Rohr Law Director |
| <u>CERTIFICATE</u> | <u>OF PUBLICATION</u> |
| foregoing resolution, or a succinct summary, | the City of Cheviot, Ohio, hereby certify that the was published in the <i>Cincinnati Court Index</i> , a Cheviot, Ohio, in accordance with Section 731.21 es: |
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Jenny M. Eilermann Clerk of Council