

RESOLUTION NO. R2014-18

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GALLIPOLIS, OHIO, IN SUPPORT OF H. R. 3997, THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2014, TO ADVOCATE FOR THE RETENTION OF LOCAL SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA) OFFICES; AND IN SUPPORT OF H. R. 4964, THE SENIORS ACCESS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 2014, AND TO REQUIRE THE CONTINUATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PRINTOUTS; AND IN SUPPORT OF S. 2742 THE TRANSPARENCY OF SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE CLOSURES, CONTINUATION OF REQUIRED SERVICES, REDUCTION OF ONLINE FRAUD POTENTIAL, REDUCTION OF FEES, AND ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING CONDUCTING BUSINESS ONLINE

WHEREAS, the Social Security system provides financial stability for individuals and families at retirement, the onset of a disability, or the loss of a spouse or parent; and

WHEREAS, Social Security Administration field offices are critical to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gallipolis, Ohio citizens and citizens from many neighboring communities, enjoy the benefit of having access to the local Social Security Administration field office located in Gallipolis, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Social Security Administration's Vision 2025 Plan calls for the elimination of direct services, which includes field offices and TSC structures; and

WHEREAS, the closure of these offices would result in lost jobs in every community where these vital service offices exist; and

WHEREAS, the Social Security Administration's Vision 2025 Plan threatens community-based, direct service access for every American and depersonalizes and reduces effective service for our communities, neighbors, families and our nation; and

WHEREAS, personal service provided to individuals at critical points in their lives is irreplaceable; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended in writing the passage of this Resolution as an emergency measure as it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and property and in order to provide for the usual operations of the municipal departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Gallipolis, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: The City Commission calls upon its United States Representative, to strongly endorse S. 2742 The Social Security Access Act of 2014 to make the process of closing future SSA field offices more transparent and sensitive to community needs. To ensure the continuing availability of benefit verification letters and SSN printouts for at least one year, issue a report detailing SSA's strategic vision for local services, reduce the potential for fraud and identity theft with the illegal use of Social Security cards, reduce fees for services provided to the poor, and provide live-chat assistance for MySSA.

SECTION 2: The City Commission calls upon its United States Representative, to strongly endorse H. R. 3997, the Social Security Administration Accountability Act of 2014, to advocate for the retention of local Social Security Administration offices.

SECTION 3: The City Commission calls upon its United States Representative, to also strongly endorse H. R. 4964, the Seniors Access to Social Security Act of 2014, to require the continuation of social security number printouts.

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SECTION 4: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage as an emergency measure.

PASSED: October 7, 2014

ATTEST:

Annette M. Landers
Clerk of the City Commission
Annette M. Landers

Steven E. Wallis
President of the City Commission
Steven E. Wallis

The foregoing Resolution is hereby approved as to form according to City Charter.

Adam R. Salisbury
Gallipolis City Solicitor
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