

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PORTER, INDIANA OPPOSING SB 355**

**WHEREAS**, state leaders and lawmakers have advocated for and proposed legislation identified as SB 355 in the 2025 legislative session that would change the election cycle for all towns to the presidential election year with the exception of towns with a population of 10,000 or more being permitted to opt out of this change; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Porter ("Town") strongly opposes this legislation because maintaining the municipal election cycle is essential for our elections to remain focused on local issues without the process and issues being blurred and overshadowed by national political conversations and straight-ticket voting at the top of the ticket driving local election results; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is concerned that the proposed legislation not only will result in a patchwork system that would lead to confusion among voters but also will also treat voters differently based on the size of their town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is adamant in its belief that educational opportunities for newly elected municipal officials are vital in providing tools necessary for those officials to succeed in their roles and is, therefore, further concerned that access to these resources and opportunities will be greatly diminished if and when organizations such as AIM are forced to redirect and devote their time and resources to providing these valuable opportunities to the larger towns and cities if the timing of conferences and related training events cannot be coordinated to include officials from smaller towns due to the differing election cycles, all to the detriment of small towns,

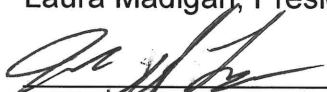
**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Town of Porter, Indiana that we oppose any legislative session that would change the election cycle for all towns to the presidential election year and the resulting adverse effects we believe it will have on our elections and the residents of our Town.

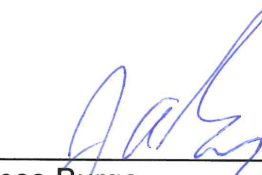
This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of passage.

**RESOLVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Porter, Indiana on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

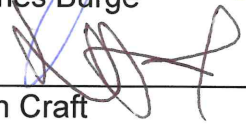
**PORTER TOWN COUNCIL**

  
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Laura Madigan, President

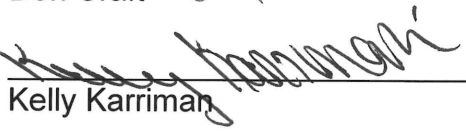
  
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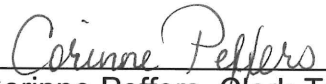
  
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Corinne Peffers, Clerk-Treasurer