

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-60

A JOINT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING APPRECIATION AND COMMITMENT OF THE CITY OF KENT, OHIO AND KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, in 2013 the City of Kent and Kent State University marked the passage of the Centennial Celebration of Kent State University with a joint resolution of appreciation and commitment in honor of 100 years of the town-gown partnership; and

WHEREAS, in the last decade the City and Kent State University have accelerated their efforts to advance collaborations in the pursuit of shared strategic priorities between the City and the University; and

WHEREAS, the results of those collaborative projects have led to numerous State and National awards including being selected as the Best College Town in Ohio in 2017; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 Kent State University calculated its economic impact in northeast Ohio at \$3.4 billion, including supporting 9,000 jobs, generating \$453 million in labor income and \$817 in economic output, and contributing \$45 million in State and local taxes; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 Kent State University adopted a \$1 billion campus Master Plan that promises to be transformative both in and around the Kent campus; and

WHEREAS, The City and University want to publicly reaffirm their support for the ambitions of the town-gown partnership for the next decade, working together toward the fulfillment of shared aspirations and objectives, including:

- a) Enhancing and showcasing the abundant assets of the university-city community that make Kent a great place to live, work, play and learn.
- b) Leveraging educational, social and cultural opportunities for community enrichment and personal growth.
- c) Creating welcoming public spaces that attract diverse populations for engagement and interaction.
- d) Promoting public health and safety, encouraging positive civic behavior, strengthening city neighborhoods, and becoming a dynamic and attractive "home away from home" for students and visiting faculty.
- e) Living up to the promise of being a vibrant university city, stimulating local and regional economic growth and facilitating entrepreneurship and innovation; now, therefore,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Kent City Council and the Kent State University Board of Trustees wish to extend their appreciation to each other and the growing list of community and business partners who join them in enriching the university-community experience enjoyed by residents, students, faculty, staff, visitors, businesses and other organizations in Kent; and

SECTION 2. That the Kent City Council and Kent State University Board of Trustees authorizes and encourages the City and University leadership to continue the strong and active commitment to this strategic partnership.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: May 16, 2018
Date

EFFECTIVE: May 16, 2018
Date

ATTEST: Tara Grimm
Tara Grimm, CMC
Clerk of Council

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Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

I, TARA GRIMM, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF RESOLUTION No. _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20____.

(SEAL)

TARA GRIMM, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL