

**CITY OF WELLS, MINNESOTA  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02  
APPROVING SUPPORT OF INCREASING LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID IN THE 2016  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, Local Government Aid (LGA) is a critical need for our City; and

**WHEREAS**, LGA provides funding to restrain property taxes on homeowners and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, LGA provides for basic services such a public safety, infrastructure and fire protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislature and state agencies have imposed unfunded mandates upon local cities, including increased pension requirements, expensive wastewater infrastructure costs, among other mandates; and

**WHEREAS**, an LGA increase would help the City of Wells decrease our existing levy while also maintaining existing services and staffing levels; and

**WHEREAS**, no Omnibus Tax Bill was passed by the 2015 legislature, thus freezing LGA appropriation,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLS THAT:**

1. The City of Wells supports an increase in the base appropriation of Local Government Aid of \$45.5 million effective for aid payable in 2017 and urges adoption of this proposal by the House and Senate.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the following: the legislators representing the City of Wells, Speaker of the House Rep. Kurt Daundt, Senate Majority Leader Sen. Tom Bakk, House Tax Chair Rep. Greg Davids, Senate Tax Chair Sen. Rod Skoe and Governor Mark Dayton.

MOTION: \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE: \_\_\_Braun \_\_\_Burns \_\_\_Gaines \_\_\_Harig \_\_\_Herman

PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Wells, Minnesota on January 25, 2016.

By:

Attest:

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Ronald Gaines, Mayor

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Robin Leslie, City Administrator