



RESOLUTION

CITY OF BALLWIN

14811 Manchester Road, Ballwin, MO 63011

INTRODUCED BY

ALDERMEN TERBROCK, FINLEY, HARDER, DOGAN, FLEMING, LEAHY, KERLAGON, BOLAND

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING UNIFICATION OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AND THE ELIMINATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY.

WHEREAS, “Ballwin” is the only city uniquely so-named in the United States and was incorporated in 1950 with a history dating back to 1837, and was chosen as “One of America's Best Places to Live” by Money magazine in 2005, 2011, and 2013; and determined to be the 9th Safest City in the United States by Neighborhood Scout using FBI crime statistics.

WHEREAS, Ballwin serves its 30,404 residents with a high level of service including a police department celebrating its 50 year anniversary; a parks department maintaining a municipal golf course, 5 city parks accounting for over 70 acres, and an indoor recreational facility and outdoor family aquatic center; and a public works department responsible for maintaining 123 miles of roadway, snow removal, mosquito fogging, engineering, and a no-cost curbside leaf pickup service.

WHEREAS, Ballwin is financially strong, and professionally managed by an excellent staff; governed by city officials who are elected on a non-partisan basis; representing citizens, who in prior annexation votes, chose to be represented by Ballwin rather than St. Louis County.

WHEREAS, Better Together defines itself as a “grassroots project sponsored by the Missouri Council for a Better Economy (MCBE)” which is an organization that has presented a City/County “Full Unification” and a City “New Municipality/Re-Entry” scenario for consideration with no clear evidence of either financial or efficiency benefits to the region.

WHEREAS, the Missouri Legislature has, for the last four years, attempted to introduce a constitutional amendment to make the City of St. Louis become a part of St. Louis County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ballwin will work towards the betterment of the St. Louis region, but will oppose any efforts that would lower the quality and raise the costs of services received by Ballwin citizens.

THIS RESOLUTION, HAVING BEEN DULY CONSIDERED AND VOTED UPON BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BALLWIN, WAS PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014.

TIM POGUE, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ROBERT KUNTZ, CITY ADMINISTRATOR