## **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16**

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH PROPOSING A GOVERNMENTAL ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM WITH OPT-OUT PROVISIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 4928.20 OHIO REVISED CODE AND DIRECTING THE WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature enacted electric deregulation legislation ("Am. Sub. S.B. No. 3"), which authorized the legislative authorities of municipal corporations, townships, and unincorporated areas of the county, to aggregate the retail electrical loads located within the respective jurisdictions and to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of electricity; and

WHEREAS, such legislative authorities may exercise said authority individually or jointly with any other legislative authorities; and

WHEREAS, governmental aggregation provides an opportunity for residential and small business consumers to participate collectively in the potential benefits of electricity deregulation through lower electricity rates, which would not otherwise be available to those electricity customers individually; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Harveysburg Village ("Council") seeks to establish a governmental aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, for the residents, businesses and other electric consumers in the incorporated areas of the Village, and may be in conjunction with any other legislative authorities in the State of Ohio, as permitted by law (the "Aggregation Program").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Harveysburg Village, Warren County, Ohio that:

Section 1: The Council finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the Village, its residents, businesses and other electric consumers located within the incorporated areas of the Village to establish an Aggregation Program within the incorporated areas of the Village. Provided that the Aggregation Program is approved by the electors of the Village pursuant to Section 2 of this Resolution, the Council is hereby authorized to automatically aggregate, in accordance with Section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, the retail electric loads located within the incorporated areas of the Village, and, for that purpose, to enter into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the purchase and sale of electricity. The Council may exercise such authority jointly with any other political subdivision of the State of Ohio to the full

areas of the Village unless it, in advance, clearly discloses to the person owning, occupying, controlling, or using the load center that the person will be enrolled automatically in the Aggregation Program and will remain so enrolled unless the person affirmatively elects by a stated procedure not to be so enrolled. The disclosure shall state prominently the rates, charges, and other terms and conditions of enrollment. The stated procedure shall allow any person enrolled in the Aggregation Program the opportunity to opt-out of the program at least every three years, without paying a switching fee. Any such person who opts out of the Aggregation Program pursuant to the stated procedure shall default to the standard service offer provided under Section 4928.141 of the Ohio Revised Code, until the person chooses an alternative supplier.

Section 4: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that the deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, incompliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

This Resolution shall be deemed an emergency measure for the Village welfare and thereby the three readings as required by law are waived.

Date 08/08/2022

Council President

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Clerk of Council