

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF WILL) SS
TOWNSHIP OF JOLIET)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

**A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE
TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATION INTO COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, **SB 2504**, **SB 2217** and **HB 2515**, introduced by the 113th Illinois General Assembly in March 2025 is asking for the consolidation of township government.

WHEREAS, The Township Board of Trustees of Joliet Township in the County of Will are opposed to these initiatives and recognizes that Townships in Illinois provide many services outside of the three statutory obligations of road and bridge maintenance, property assessment and general assistance; and

WHEREAS, The Township Board of Trustees of Joliet Township recognize the following:

The legislation does not consider that over 72,000 miles of roads are maintained by road districts in Illinois and approximately 12,000 bridges; and

That current state law exists that allows a township to consolidate if the initiative is brought with voter approval; and

Past attempts like those provided for in this legislation have failed in Illinois; and

The research has proven that such attempts result in increased costs overall for local government; and

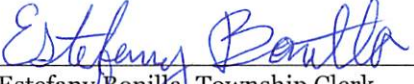
Township Government has the lowest debt and expense per capital in local government and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Joliet in the County of Will shall only support any statewide effort of township consolidation if valid cost impact analysis is completed and proof that the level of services provided will remain.

This would eliminate many community-based services that are important to the public.

PASSED this 8th day of April, 2025 by the Township Board of Trustees duly assembled at the Joliet Township, Will County, Illinois.

APPROVED this 8th day of April, 2025.



Estefany Bonilla, Township Clerk



Alicia Morales, Township Supervisor



Tanya Arias, Trustee



Antione Edwards, Trustee



Cesar Escutia, Trustee



Raymond Slattery, Trustee