**RESOLUTION NUMBER 02-18-01-2019**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE DURING THE 2019 REGULAR SESSION TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL MOTOR FUEL EXCISE TAX AND REQUESTING THE LEGISLATORS TO SUPPORT SAID LEGISLATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN ALTERNATE FORMULA FOR DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES TO MORE ADEQUATELY REPRESENT THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF CITIES AND TOWNS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA**

 **WHEREAS**, the need for additional infrastructure funding has been debated during the past two legislative sessions and continued to be studied by the Joint Legislative Infrastructure Study Task Force since the conclusion of the 2018 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature; and

 **WHEREAS**, Task Force members and the City of Ashland agree that these additional revenues are needed to address infrastructure demands for ongoing maintenance as well as expansion of current roadways; and

 **WHEREAS**, the current distribution formula for fuel revenues was implemented in the 1960’s and does not reflect the 2019 demographics of the population of the State of Alabama; and

 **WHEREAS**, cities and towns are where 65 percent of Alabama’s citizens live, work, shop and find entertainment, yet the current proposals only provide a 10 percent distribution to municipalities; and

 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Ashland, Alabama feel it is in the best public interest to join with other cities and towns to urge the Clay County Delegation and all Alabama Legislators to support an additional motor fuel tax, a license fee on hybrid and electric vehicles and to urge legislators to develop a formula for distribution of fuel revenues to more adequately mirror the demographics of the State of Alabama and provide equitable distribution of said municipal revenues more in keeping with current Alabama demographics.

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Mayor and City Council join with other cities and towns in the State of Alabama to urge the Clay County delegation as well as all other Alabama Legislators to support an additional motor fuel excise tax; and
2. The Mayor and City Council further urges the Clay County Delegation and all Alabama Legislators to develop a more equitable formula to distribute fuel revenues to more adequately mirror the demographics of the State of Alabama to provide a more equitable distribution of said revenues to cities and towns within the State; and
3. This Resolution Number 02-18-01-2019 shall become effective immediately upon approval and adoption.

**ADOPTED and APPROVED** this the 18th day of February, 2019.

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Mayor

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