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4 **A RESOLUTION STATING OPPOSITION TO CHANGES TO**
5 **THE ALLEN COUNTY FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX OR THE**
6 **IMPLEMENTATION OF A FORT WAYNE FOOD AND BEVERAGE**
7 **TAX**
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10 **WHEREAS**, the restaurant industry within Allen County is an essential industry
11 and has encountered abundant difficulties due to the impacts of COVID-19; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, a substantial number of Allen County hospitality workers have been
15 involuntarily idled during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, such difficulties encountered by restaurants, restaurant suppliers
19 and related vendors have resulted in a loss of income which has adversely affected
20 many families; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, the imposition of a new food and beverage tax will have a dramatic
24 and negative impact on one of the hardest hurt industries; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, a change in the food and beverage tax statute would chill future
28 investment and slow Allen County’s economic recovery from the effects of COVID-19,
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31 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY**
32 **OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:**
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35 **Section 1.** The Fort Wayne City Council stands with other fiscal bodies of Allen
36 County to oppose any and all efforts by the Indiana General Assembly to allow any local
37 government unit within the County of Allen to adopt an additional food and beverage
38 tax.
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