

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01

**A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH
REQUESTING REORGANIZATION OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH
SO THAT THE PORTION OF THE TOWN WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF
CALUMET TOWNSHIP BE REMOVED FROM CALUMET TOWNSHIP
AND PLACED WITHIN ST JOHN TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, in order to create a more fair and equitable form of government for the citizens of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Griffith is co-located in both Calumet Township and St. John Township; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-1.5-4-3(2) permits the consolidation of the participating political subdivisions into one of the participating subdivisions subject to the requirements of Indiana Code 36-1.5-4-5 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the taxpayers of the Town of Griffith that the Town be reorganized so that the portion of the Town within the boundaries of Calumet Township are removed from Calumet Township and placed within St. John Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, that the Town be reorganized so that its borders fall entirely within St. John Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. That all three subdivisions, the Town of Griffith, Calumet Township, and St. John Township, consider and approve this Resolution for Reorganization;
2. That upon adoption of this Resolution for Reorganization by each of the political subdivisions named herein, a reorganization committee be appointed to consider and adopt a plan of reorganization pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1.5-4-15;
3. That the reorganization committee adopt rules governing its management, conduct public hearings, review books and records, administer oaths, and issue and enforce subpoenas and discovery orders pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1.5-4-17;
4. That the reorganization committee prepare a comprehensive plan of reorganization for the reorganized political subdivisions that addresses the actions, duties, and powers of the reorganized political subdivisions not specified by law pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1.5-4-18;
5. That the legislative bodies of each of the reorganized political subdivisions consider the reorganization plan and incorporate the plan in full or by reference in at least two separate meetings and a public hearing prior to final action by the legislative bodies pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1.5-4-19;

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6. That the legislative body with the largest population shall provide a certified copy of the reorganization plan to be filed with the County Recorder, the Department of Local Government Finance, and the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the county affected by the election district changes pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1.5-4-24;

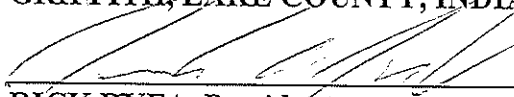
7. That the County Recorder notify the election board that a public question on a plan of reorganization is eligible to be placed on the ballot for consideration of the voters pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1.5-4-26;

8. That the county election board place the question on the first regularly scheduled general election or municipal election in all precincts for the reorganizing political subdivisions pursuant to Indiana Cod 36-1.5-4-28; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Griffith forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Calumet Township Board and the St. John Township Board for their consideration and response within sixty (60) days.

SO RESOLVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, on this 12th day of January, 2016.

COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA



RICK RYFA, President



JAMES MARKER



LARRY BALLAH

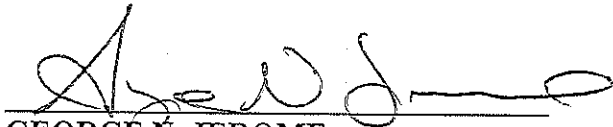


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ATTEST:



GEORGE N. JEROME,
Clerk-Treasurer

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CERTIFICATION

I, George Jerome, duly elected and active Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Griffith, do hereby certify that the attached Resolution 2016-01 "A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH REQUESTING REORGANIZATION OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH SO THAT THE PORTION OF THE TOWN WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF CALUMET TOWNSHIP BE REMOVED FROM CALUMET TOWNSHIP AND PLACED WITHIN ST JOHN TOWNSHIP" is a true and correct copy of same as it exists in the permanent records of the Town of Griffith.

Dated this 12th day of January, 2016



GEORGE N. JEROME, Clerk-Treasurer