

## RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 5

### A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH, INDIANA, OPPOSING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE GRIFFITH BMV BRANCH

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) is proposing the closure of the Griffith BMV branch; and

WHEREAS, the Griffith BMV branch serves a substantial population from the surrounding areas, including the residents of Griffith and Highland; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the Griffith BMV branch would pose significant inconveniences to the residents of these communities, who rely on the branch for essential services such as driver's license renewals, vehicle registrations, and other motor vehicle-related transactions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed closure of the Griffith BMV branch may also adversely impact the residents of Park West, a nearby community consisting of over 1,300 housing units, who depend on the proximity of the branch for accessibility and convenience; and

WHEREAS, the absence of a local BMV branch would compel residents to travel greater distances to complete necessary motor vehicle transactions and obtain state identification, thus creating undue hardship particularly for those with limited transportation options or mobility issues; and

WHEREAS, this added travel burden could lead to increased traffic congestion and further strain on neighboring BMV branches, potentially resulting in longer wait times and decreased service efficiency; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the Griffith BMV branch is crucial for ensuring equitable access to vital services for all residents within the impacted areas;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of Griffith, Indiana, as follows:

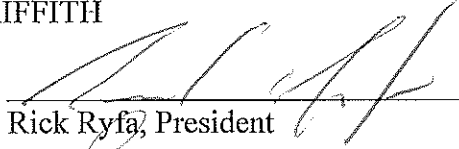
1. The Town of Griffith officially opposes the proposed closure of the Griffith BMV branch and urges the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to reconsider its decision in the best interest of the local communities.
2. The Town Council emphasizes the importance of the Griffith BMV branch in serving the residents of Griffith, Highland, and Park West, as well as the negative implications that would arise from its closure.
3. The Town Council calls upon local legislators, community leaders, and residents to join in the opposition of the branch closure to ensure continued access to essential BMV services.

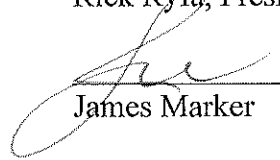
4. This resolution shall be communicated to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, along with a formal request for the re-evaluation of the proposed Griffith BMV branch closure.

5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

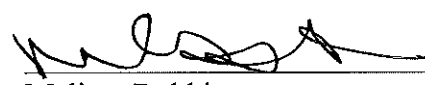
Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, by the Town Council of Griffith, Indiana.

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRIFFITH

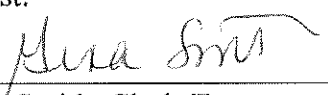
  
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