

## **Village of Robbins, Illinois**

### **Resolution**

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF ROBBINS, ILLINOIS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR & THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ENFORCE A MORATORIUM ON THE VILLAGE OF ROBBINS, IL ENTERING INTO INTEREST RATE SWAPS

WHEREAS, The state of Illinois is in a budget crisis, with an estimated deficit of \$8 billion and a bill backlog of more than \$11 billion; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois continues to make fee payments every month to group of Wall Street banks, and the majority of these payments are the result of predatory bank deals called "interest rate swaps"; and

WHEREAS, The interest rate swaps have not served their purpose of mitigating risk to the Illinois taxpayer, but instead are enriching Wall Street banks during our budget crisis; and

WHEREAS, Interest rate swaps have already cost the State of Illinois more than \$800 million in fees; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is projected to lose more money in fee payments over the life of these predatory swap deals; and

WHEREAS, Every dollar that the State of Illinois and its departments, authorities, agencies, and pension funds ("State Agencies") spend on financial services is a dollar that is not available for funding essential public services like education and healthcare; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Robbins and its residents are negatively impacted by the State of Illinois bill backlog, which is made worse by the state's decision to prioritize fee payments resulting from interest from interest rate swaps, over payments to municipalities and providers of essential services;

WHEREAS, Therefore be it Resolved by the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of Robbins, IL that the Village of Robbins enforce a moratorium on entering into interest swap deals;

RESOLVED, That the Village of Robbins call on Governor Rauner and his administration to negotiate a termination of the remaining interest rate swaps at no further cost Illinois taxpayers;

RESOLVED, That the Village of Robbins join other communities across the state and issue a request that Attorney General Lisa Madigan investigate the predatory interest rate swap deals held by Illinois and sue to recover the money that banks have taken from the state;

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to Governor Bruce Rauner and Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office no later than 30 day after its adoption.