

MILTON TOWNSHIP REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Resolution calling on Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, and the other Milton Township municipalities to immediately pass ordinances prohibiting video gaming within their jurisdictions

WHEREAS, the Illinois Video Gaming Act (230 ILCS 40/1 *et seq.*; PA 96-0034) became law July 13, 2009 and allows licensed retail establishments to conduct video gambling; and

WHEREAS, the Milton Township Republican Central Committee (MTRCC) commends the General Assembly and Governor for addressing the critical need for investment in roads and infrastructure in the State of Illinois, and for providing flexibility in terms of the implementation of video poker; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that some Illinois local jurisdictions would desire to opt out of video gambling, Section 27 of the Video Gaming Act permits counties and municipalities to prohibit video gaming by ordinance within their respective corporate limits or unincorporated areas; and

WHEREAS, states such as Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina have abandoned experiments with the legalization of video poker because of regulatory difficulties, corruption, and the high social costs associated with this form of gambling; and

WHEREAS, electronic gaming is designed to entice people to play longer, faster, and at higher rates of wagering, according to a study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, the DuPage County Board, the DuPage County Board Chairman, and the MTRCC agree that legalized video poker would present a variety of adverse impacts on residents of DuPage County including the potential for corruption, impact on the costs of law enforcement, regulatory difficulties, and high social costs; and

WHEREAS, the legalization of video poker within Milton Township municipalities is not consistent with our desire to maintain a family-friendly environment for citizens and their families; and

WHEREAS, the DuPage County Board voted unanimously at its August 11, 2009 meeting to exercise its right under Section 27 of the Illinois Video Gaming Act (230 ILCS 40/1 *et seq.*; PA 96-0034) to prohibit video gaming in unincorporated areas of DuPage County effective immediately;

WHEREAS, the DuPage County Board voted unanimously at its August 11, 2009 meeting to "call on every municipality within DuPage County to join the county in prohibiting video gaming; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Republican Party platform opposes the expansion of gambling.

NOW, WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that MTRCC calls on Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, and the other municipalities within Milton Township to immediately pass ordinances prohibiting video gaming within their jurisdictions

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to each mayor, city council member, alderman, and trustee for each municipality in Milton Township along with a letter on behalf of the MTRCC respectfully requesting that they join in DuPage County's effort to prohibit video gaming throughout DuPage County.

Approved this 12th day of August, 2009 in Wheaton, Illinois.

Mike Formento, MTRCC Chairman

ATTEST: Georgia Koch, MTRCC Secretary