



Study Commission for **Effective & Efficient Township Government**

WHEREAS the Indiana Township Association's (ITA's) Bylaws state: *"We pledge ourselves to a more effective and efficient form of township government securing for those township officers and office holders full recognition and enjoyment of their rights to administer their responsibilities in a just and professional manner; to assure they are adequately compensated for the responsibility they hold; to secure the tools necessary for them to fulfill their obligations as public servants; and to strengthen and extend our form of township government in such a way as to provide to the citizens services to which they are entitled."*;

AND WHEREAS the ITA's Bylaws stated objective is to promote principles inherent to the maintenance of local "grassroots" government and may include activities including: "To propose, support, and promote legislation favorable to Indiana townships and to oppose legislation detrimental to township government";

AND WHEREAS the ITA continues to oppose detrimental legislation before the Indiana General Assembly every Session;

AND WHEREAS Indiana townships continue to come under fire from the media, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and other parties which demonstrate a lack of understanding of township government and a determination to see that Indiana Townships cease to exist; and which have all assumed there to be efficiencies in eliminating or merging townships;

AND WHEREAS the ITA Board of Directors has determined the need for a study of Indiana township governments' effectiveness and efficiency in order to have appropriate information to fulfill the mission and objectives of its bylaws;

IT IS RESOLVED that the Indiana Township Board of Directors hereby establishes the "Study Commission for Effective & Efficient Township Government";

HEREBY ADOPTED THIS DAY, the 9th of March, 2021.

ATTEST: _____