RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI, URGING THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES TO SUBMIT DEBTS OWED TO MUNICIPALITIES AND TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AS A RESULT OF DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL COURT FINES AND FEES TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR COLLECTION THROUGH A SETOFF AGAINST STATE INCOME TAX REFUNDS OWED TO THE DEBTOR

WHEREAS, The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, is owed \$3,908,482.39 in unpaid and outstanding municipal court fines and fees by persons, most of whom reside in this State, that cannot be written off by the City and, if collected, could assist to enhance City services for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, if the Mississippi Legislature allows municipalities to submit debts owed to them to the Mississippi Department of Revenue to setoff against income tax refunds owed to the debtor, then the State shall be entitled to approximately fifty percent (50%) of any recouped outstanding fines and fees owed to the municipality; and

WHEREAS, by allowing said debt setoff, the State would receive approximately \$1,954,241.19, which amount is fifty percent (50%) of the City's unpaid and outstanding municipal court fines and fees; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg that it strongly urges the Mississippi Legislature to support and pass legislation to allow municipalities to submit debts owed to them and the State to the Mississippi Department of Revenue for collection through a setoff against income tax refunds owed to the debtor.

SO RESOLVED, this the	day of	2018.
		The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi
		George Flaggs, Jr., Mayor
		Michael. A. Mayfield, Sr., Alderman
Attest:		Alex J. Monsour, Jr., Alderman
City Clerk		

## **CERTIFICATE**

I, Walter W. Osborne, Jr., the duly appointed, qualified and acting City Clerk and lawful custodian of the Minutes of The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg and Seal of said City, Certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg at a Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

Walter W. Osborne, Jr., City Clerk