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RESOLUTION NO. 07.20

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF AVOCA SUPPORTING BALLOT ISSUE 1 OF THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION TO CONTINUE A LEVY OF A ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR STATE HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES; COUNTY ROADS, BRIDGES, AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION; AND CITY STREETS, BRIDGES, AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AFTER THE RETIREMENT OF THE BONDS AUTHORIZED IN ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 91, AS SPECIAL REVENUE TO BE DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY REVENUE DISTRIBUTION LAW.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91, levies a one-half percent sales and use tax to provide additional funding for the state's system of highways, county roads, and city streets, and bridges; and,

WHEREAS, the one-half percent sales and use tax under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91, is due to expire on June 30, 2023, unless a new constitutional amendment is passed; and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 proposes that the sales and use tax levied under the Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91, be continued to provide special revenue for use of maintaining, repairing, and improving the state's system of highways, county roads, city streets, and bridges;

WHEREAS, without continuation of this sales and use tax the state will be unable to meet the severe and pressing needs to maintain and improve the state's system of state highways, county roads, city streets, and bridges; and,

WHEREAS, the continuation of the one-half percent sales and use tax will ensure future investment in the state highway system, county roads, city streets, and bridges; and

WHEREAS, this investment will create jobs, aid in economic development, improve quality of life, and provide additional transportation infrastructure, including specifically, a four-lane highway construction plan designed to connect all regions of the state; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial for THE TOWN OF AVOCA to support Issue 1 as a necessary funding mechanism for our travel-infrastructure and will serve as an economic boon for the State.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF AVOCA:

Section 1: That we do hereby support the legal proposals found in Ballot Issue 1 of 2020, as well as its adoption by the people of the State of Arkansas at the next general election.

APPROVED.

MAYOR: _____ **Date Adopted:** _____

ATTEST:

RECORDER/TREASURER: _____