

**18-R-10**

**A RESOLUTION**

**Supporting the City of Evanston Becoming a Member of the  
Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition**

**WHEREAS**, one of the primary functions of local municipal governments is to ensure public safety within our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Evanston appreciates the outstanding effort put forth our public safety employees in protecting our community; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize our obligation to provide our public safety employees with a fair pension that reflects their service to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of providing General Assembly determined pension benefits has put a great financial strain on our community and our taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, if solutions are not enacted by the General Assembly, the growing pension costs will place our very ability to provide public safety and other municipal services in jeopardy; and

**WHEREAS**, this problem extends beyond the City of Evanston and affects municipalities statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Evanston is committed to working with all stakeholders to implement fair and long-term changes that will ensure the sustainability of these pension funds without placing an overwhelming burden upon our taxpayers or leaving communities unable to provide basic services; and

**WHEREAS**, Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities, a coalition of local governments and other concerned entities, has been founded with a mission of pursuing these much needed pension reforms.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

**SECTION 1:** That the City of Evanston supports the mission of the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition and agrees to become a member of the Coalition.

**SECTION 2:** That the City of Evanston will actively encourage the participation of local governments, their representative local government organizations and other concerned entities throughout the State of Illinois in the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition.

**SECTION 3:** That the foregoing recitals are hereby found as fact and made a part hereof.

**SECTION 4:** That this Resolution 18-R-10 shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

  
Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Attest:

  
Rodney Greene, City Clerk

Adopted: February 22, 2010