

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Resolution Opposing Changes to the 2010 Standards for Delineating Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2021, the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a public notice stating that they are considering raising the minimum population threshold from 50,000 to 100,000 for metropolitan statistical area's (MSA) designation; and,

WHEREAS, raising the MSA minimum population would remove the MSA designation of the City of Dothan and for 144 cities across the United States; and,

WHEREAS, MSAs are used by federal agencies to analyze labor market conditions, spending patterns, and unemployment; and,

WHEREAS, the MSA designation is also used by many federal agencies to determine which areas of the country are eligible for federal funding for more than three dozen programs such as the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and infrastructure funding under transportation bills; and

WHEREAS, in addition to losing eligibility for federal funding, cities excluded from an MSA would lose local influence and control over regional project planning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Dothan, Alabama, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City of Dothan opposes the proposed changes to the 2010 Standards for Delineating Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas.

SECTION 2. That Mark Saliba, in his capacity as Mayor, is hereby authorized and directed to communicate this opposition to our U.S. Senate and House of Representatives delegation members and to the Office of Management and Budget on behalf of the City of Dothan.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on _____.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

Associate Commissioner District 1

Associate Commissioner District 2

Associate Commissioner District 3

Associate Commissioner District 4

Associate Commissioner District 5

Associate Commissioner District 6
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS