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**RESOLUTION 2016-14
RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE EFFORTS DURING RALLY AND
SUPPORT FOR EXPANDED EFFORTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Sturgis has faced challenges for several years regarding tax reporting during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally; and

WHEREAS, the City OF Sturgis and SD Department of Revenue have worked together to increase sales tax reporting; and

WHEREAS, the Sturgis Police Department has developed protocol along with the Department of Revenue for prosecution and increased supervision of regulation of tax reporting; and

WHEREAS, said efforts have resulted in a 56% increase in reported sales by temporary vendors in the city limits per traffic count; and

WHEREAS the increase in reported sales by temporary vendors began in 2013 and continued after the increased enforcement occurred; and

WHEREAS, the increased enforcement netted and additional \$531,250 for the state through the 4% general sales tax and an additional \$199,219 for state tourism efforts through the 1.5% state tourism sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the proven results of this enforcement have greatly enhanced resources for our State's priorities and has ensured greater equity between temporary and permanent businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Sturgis City Council does hereby extend to the South Dakota Department of Revenue its appreciation of the efforts in increased tax regulation of temporary vendors during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sturgis City Council requests that similar efforts extend region wide to ensure equity amongst Rally venues, equity region wide between permanent and temporary businesses and generate the equitable tax revenue for the residents of the State of South Dakota.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2016.

CITY OF STURGIS

Mayor Mark Carstensen

ATTEST:

Fay Bueno
City Finance Officer

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

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COUNTY OF MEADE)

I, Fay Bueno, duly appointed Finance Officer of and for the City of Sturgis, Meade County, South Dakota; do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Sturgis at a regular meeting held on January 27, 2016.

Fay Bueno, Finance Officer