

RESOLUTION 17-553

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS
SUPPORTING FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION TO ENSURE THE
PROPER ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SALES TAX FROM ALL
INTERNET/ONLINE SALES.

WHEREAS, the City of Gentry, Arkansas recognizes that legislation frequently referred to as the Marketplace Fairness and Remote Transactions Parity Act ("This Legislation") is being considered by the United States Congress; and,

WHEREAS, similar legislation was considered by the Arkansas General Assembly during the 2017 regular legislative session; and,

WHEREAS, this legislation would give states the authority to enforce local and state taxes that are already in place and owed by out-of-state online retailers; and,

WHEREAS, this legislation would require retailers to collect and remit sales tax to state and local governments for out-of-state online sales; and,

WHEREAS, all businesses, regardless of their physical location, should be required to collect and remit state and local sales tax; and,

WHEREAS, as it currently stands, stores with a local retailer must collect sales tax while online stores do not, thereby enabling online stores to undercut local retail prices; and,

WHEREAS, this legislation is not a new tax or a tax increase, but rather enables states to collect taxes that are already due.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. That we do hereby urge members of the Arkansas Congressional Delegation and the Arkansas Legislature to work for passage and vote in favor of legislation requiring the collection and remittance of state and local sales tax by all retailers.

Section 2: Moreover, we do hereby urge Governor Asa Hutchinson to call for a special session as quickly as possible to address this most important issue for the benefit of the state's local retail businesses and its citizens.

APPROVED

Date Adopted

Kevin Johnston, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Director of Finance