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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM WITHOUT RAISING TAXES

WHEREAS, local governments in Michigan have struggled with unstable funding needed to provide services; and

WHEREAS, Michigan businesses have struggled with an uncompetitive tax on business; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's personal property tax is an antiquated unfair double tax on Michigan's small businesses; and

WHEREAS, small businesses and manufacturers power our economy and are the largest contributor to job growth in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, no other state in our region taxes business equipment the way Michigan does – and most other states don't tax it at all, which makes Michigan significantly less competitive when it comes to job creation and business investment; and

WHEREAS, Michigan communities have struggled for years to pay for essential services like police, fire, ambulances, schools and jails; and

WHEREAS, Michigan communities have relied on this shrinking source of Personal Property Tax revenue to provide other community services as well, including roads, transportation and libraries; and

WHEREAS, with bipartisan support the Michigan legislature has voted to reform the antiquated personal property tax to help increase Michigan's competitiveness with other states and remove an onerous tax that will allow more business investment and create more jobs while making local community more financially stable at the same time; and

WHEREAS, this is not a constitutional amendment but the state constitution requires Michigan voters to approve certain changes in local taxes;

WHEREAS, local governments have struggled with unstable funding needed to provide services and business have struggled with an uncompetitive tax on equipment for years;


WHEREAS, the proposal will make Michigan more competitive, which will help local communities to attract more businesses and create local jobs; and

WHEREAS, if this proposal is not passed by Michigan voters, the antiquated unfair tax on our state's small businesses and manufacturers will go back into effect and Michigan communities will not have stable revenue to fund local services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its strong support for the proposal to eliminate the unfair double tax and strengthen our communities. We urge our residents to vote YES on this proposal on August 5, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Representative Terry Brown, Senator Mike Green, the Michigan Association of Counties, Governor Rick Snyder and Attorney Robert Kendrick.

Date 6-26-14



Thom Bardwell, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

I, Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on June 26, 2014.

Date 6/26/14


Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk