

Resolution 12-17
Opposing Governor Snyder's Revenue Sharing Recommendations

WHEREAS, counties have saved the state more than \$1 billion since 2005, when they temporarily gave up revenue sharing to assist with the State budget crises and will continue to assist the State budget until the final county exhausts its reserve account well past the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, revenue sharing is a statutory promise made to counties in exchange for a change in local taxing administration; and

WHEREAS, revenue sharing is utilized by counties to pay for a multitude of State mandated services including the Courts, Jails, Constitutional Officers, Elections and Public Health System; and

WHEREAS, revenue sharing was never intended to be a conditional or reward system, but was established for counties in the 1960's when local taxing authority was eliminated; and

WHEREAS, recent reductions in property values and increased State service delivery have stretched counties to and beyond their financial limit; and

WHEREAS, with the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013, counties would receive a reduction of 25%, equating to approximately \$42 million; and

WHEREAS, counties have worked diligently for the past decade by leading efforts to reform, consolidate and right size government in an effort to increase efficiency and adjust to declining revenues; and


WHEREAS, the State has pledged to keep promises to businesses for current tax credits and needs to keep the promise to the counties by restoring revenue sharing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners opposes the reductions proposed within the Governor's recommendation for the FY 2013 budget and the requirement to "earn" the funding, which has been statutorily provided for..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to our state legislators urging them to do the same.

DATED: May 17, 2012

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