

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk
101 COURT STREET, MUNISING, MI 49862

RESOLUTION #2011-17

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GUARANTEED REVENUE REPLACEMENT SHOULD THE STATE REPEAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, Michigan counties provide crucial services on behalf of state government, as evidenced by the delivery of road patrol services, corrections, foster care, clean water, food safety, the judicial system, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Years of declining local revenues and cuts to state revenues to counties, coupled with unfunded mandated services have placed Michigan counties in a position of financial stress; and

WHEREAS, The state has a poor track record of fulfilling its' statutory promises for its share of funding for things like revenue sharing, payment in lieu of taxes (PILT), public health, Medicaid reimbursement, and county jail reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, Personal property tax revenue represents 5% of Alger County's total taxable value; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of personal property taxes would harm a county's ability to provide mandated services to the public; and

WHEREAS, Michigan counties are mandated by the state to pay for the state's court system with local taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, Michigan counties cannot continue to operate if the revenue from personal property taxes is not fully replaced with a constitutionally guaranteed revenue source.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Alger County Board of Commissioners urges the legislature and the Governor to retain the personal property tax until such time as the residents of Michigan vote in favor of a constitutional amendment that will fully replace the revenues lost from the repeal of personal property taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the Governor, Senator Tom Casperson, Representative Steven Lindberg, and the Michigan Association of Counties for their consideration and action.

Adopted this 22nd day of December, 2011



Jerry Doucette, Chair
Alger County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
County of Alger)

I, Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk of the County of Alger and of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at a special meeting on December 22, 2011.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Alger, this January 6, 2012 at Munising, Michigan.





Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk