

ALGER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

RESOLUTION #2014-16

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 of those states do not 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;

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;

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 businesses have 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;

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;

WHEREAS, the proposal is supported by the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Townships Association, Michigan Farm Bureau, the Small Business Association of Michigan, and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Alger 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 a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Michigan Association of Counties.

Adopted this 21st day of July, 2014.


Jerry Doucette, Chairman
Alger County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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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 regular meeting on July 21, 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Alger, this July 29, 2014 at Munising, Michigan.



Mary Ann Froberg, Clerk