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RESOLUTION NO. 13-01-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, REQUESTING THAT THE ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE ACT TO RESTORE LOTTERY AND HIGHWAY USER REVENUE FUNDING TO COUNTIES AND ELIMINATE PAYMENTS TO THE ARIZONA STATE HOSPITAL FOR SEXUALLY VIOLENT CRIMINALS

WHEREAS, Arizona counties have absorbed over \$330 million in state budget impacts since 2008, including \$42 million in impacts in fiscal year 2013 alone, and

WHEREAS, these have included over \$94 million in diverted Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) revenue, and \$87 million in other program shifts such as housing sexually violent prisoners at the Arizona State Hospital, and

WHEREAS, these cost shifts have inflicted significant financial pressures on counties already reeling from the financial effects of the most recent recession, and

WHEREAS, counties face recently eliminated revenue streams from the state, including the county share of lottery revenues generated by local communities across the state, and

WHEREAS, counties also face significant reductions in revenue from federal programs, including Payment in Lieu of Taxes, Secure Rural Schools, and grants supporting public safety, health services and community development, and unprecedented uncertainty from the looming impacts of the federal sequestration, and

WHEREAS, counties have neither the financial capacity to pay for additional state costs or the statutory ability to influence state administration of different programs they are required to fund, and

WHEREAS, in contrast to the state and federal governments, Arizona counties responded quickly to the recession by making real cuts to county spending, including suspending capital construction projects, freezing major purchases, laying off employees and decreasing employee compensation, and

WHEREAS, improving state revenues do not reflect county financial conditions as net assessed valuations continue to be depressed, leading to a lag in any type of meaningful recovery of property tax



revenue, and

WHEREAS, the combination of stagnant and eliminated local revenues, decreasing federal funding, and escalating state costs is intensifying an already-challenging financial situation for Arizona counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Gila County that the Arizona State Legislature is hereby implored to take the following actions to provide Arizona counties with the financial stability necessary to continue providing state services to local residents:

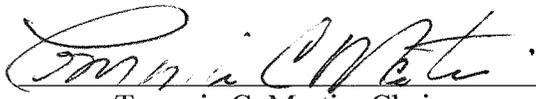
- Eliminate county payments to the Arizona State Hospitals for Sexually Violent Prisoners
- Reestablish payments to the counties reflecting the county share of state lottery revenues
- Fully fund local HURF dollars

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of January, 2013, by the Board of Supervisors at Globe, Gila County, Arizona.

Attest:

GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk


Tommie C. Martin, Chairman