

RESOLUTION NO. 1787

RESOLUTION OF COUNTY 2012 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, Arizona counties have absorbed \$288 million in state budget impacts since 2008, including \$93 million in impacts in fiscal year 2012 alone, and

WHEREAS, these have included \$130 million in forced county contributions, \$73 million in diverted HURF revenue, and \$66 million in other program shifts such as restoring defendants to competency, and

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

WHEREAS, counties have neither the financial capacity to pay for additional state costs or the statutory flexibility to discontinue services, and

WHEREAS, in contrast to the state, 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; net assessed valuations are dropping, leading to a corresponding decline in property tax revenue, and

WHEREAS, counties also face the potential of significant reductions in revenue from federal programs, including Payment in Lieu of Taxes, Secure Rural Schools, and Community Development Block Grants, and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Yavapai County that the state legislature is hereby implored to:

- Repeal the prisoner shift contained in Senate Bill 1621
- Eliminate or freeze the compulsory county contributions
- Eliminate or freeze HURF shifts to DPS and MVD

Thereby providing Arizona counties with the financial stability necessary to continue providing state services to local residents.

Passed this 21st day of November 2011.

/s/ Carol Springer

Carol Springer, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

/s/ Thomas Thurman

Thomas Thurman, Vice Chairman, Board of Supervisors

/s/ A.G. "Chip" Davis

A.G. "Chip" Davis, Member, Board of Supervisors

/s/ Pamela Pearsall

Pamela Pearsall, County Assessor

/s/ Sheila Polk

Sheila Polk, County Attorney

/s/ Sandra Markham

Sandra Markham, Clerk of Superior Court

/s/ Ana Wayman-Trujillo

Ana Wayman-Trujillo, County Recorder

/s/ Tim Carter

Tim Carter, School Superintendent

/s/ Scott Mascher

Scott Mascher, Sheriff

/s/ Ross Jacobs

Ross Jacobs, Treasurer