

**Template for Resolution in Support of Back Revenue Sharing**

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_**  
**SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE BACK  
REVENUE SHARING TO COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, \_\_\_\_\_ County has a population of \_\_\_\_\_ and is projected to receive \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ per person in Revenue Sharing dollars in 2021.

WHEREAS, \_\_\_\_\_ County is very thankful for the Revenue Sharing dollars it has received. Traditionally, state Revenue Sharing was among the County's larger revenue sources.

WHEREAS, \_\_\_\_\_ county received \_\_\_\_\_ in Revenue Sharing dollars in year 2004, which was \_\_\_\_\_ greater than the amount projected for 2021.

WHEREAS, in 2001, if the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ were adjusted for inflation, it would be \_\_\_\_\_, that is \_\_\_\_\_ more than the 2021 estimated amount. If all years from 2004 to 2021 were adjusted for the State Inflation Rate Multipliers, \_\_\_\_\_ County would have received \_\_\_\_\_ more over the last 20 years. See Attachment A.

WHEREAS, counties agreed to a tax shift in 2004 that resulted in excess revenue in property taxes. These funds were restricted into a County Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund (CRSRF).

WHEREAS, counties went off of statutory revenue sharing in 2004 to save the State money during a budget crisis and agreed to pay themselves the annual Revenue Sharing payments out of the CRSRF until those funds were exhausted.

WHEREAS, this self-payment system saved the State more than \$1.5 billion to date, and \_\_\_\_\_ County alone saved the State \$\_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, each county exhausted their reserve fund at different times.

WHEREAS, the agreement to pay themselves their own Revenue Sharing included a provision that when they exhausted their CRSRF, they would come back on the State system at the rate they were paying themselves.

WHEREAS, the State continued to cut Revenue Sharing between 2009 and 2014, resulting in a breach of this agreement and a reduction in Revenue Sharing for those counties that came back on the system between 2008 and 2014.

WHEREAS, the counties that exhausted their CRSRF earlier than others were, and continue to be, negatively affected by the reductions in eligible payments

WHEREAS, counties have individually and collectively “lost” by the State discontinuing CPI increases once the State resumed responsibility for CRS payments.

WHEREAS, the State has demonstrated a consistent divestment from local municipal finance through the years and over multiple administrations from both major political parties. The County would respectfully request the utmost consideration during the State's budget process and request the statutory component of the Revenue Sharing model be adjusted.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY** supports legislation to ensure proper Revenue Sharing adjustments are made to cover the shortfalls of this century.

**Adopted this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021**