



RESOLUTION 023-2015

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO To Request that the 114th Congress Reauthorize and Fund The Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program

WHEREAS, Much of the land in the western United States is owned by the federal government, and it is common that some counties located in the west have more than 90 percent of their jurisdiction occupied by federal land; and,

WHEREAS, Because this land is now held by the United States Government, it is removed from the local property tax rolls and exempt from local property tax; and,

WHEREAS, A number of federal agencies, including the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, account for nearly 640 million acres owned and occupied in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, In 1978 Congress passed and President Ford signed legislation to create the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes program (PL 94-565) to provide payments to counties and other local governments to offset losses in tax revenues due to the presence of tax-exempt federal land within their jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, The Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes program replaces the lost property tax revenue and provides county government funding for essential services such as law enforcement, firefighting, search and rescue operations, construction and maintenance of roads, and other vital services; and,

WHEREAS, Specifically, the County of El Dorado anticipates \$300,000 in Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes program funding for Fiscal Year 2014-15 for General Fund discretionary revenue budget funding to support crucial county services; and,

WHEREAS, The Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes program was reformed in 2008 under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act (PL 110-343) to modify the program from a discretionary program which is subject to annual appropriations of Congress to a fully-funded mandatory program until Federal Fiscal Year 2012; and,

WHEREAS, There have been two one-year reauthorizations, the most recent as part of the enactment of both H.R. 3979, the National Defense Authorization Act, and H.R. 83, the Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Omnibus Spending Bill, which, when combined, provide nearly \$450 million in Federal Fiscal Year 2015 funding for the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes program; and,

WHEREAS, A number of efforts were made in the 113th Congress in both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to reauthorize the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes program for several consecutive years as a mandatory program in order for counties to budget accordingly.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors respectfully urges the 114th Congress to reauthorize and fund the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes program for several years, commencing with Federal Fiscal Year 2016, in order to provide a long-term, stable source of funding for counties in order to maintain vital programs and avoid any interruption in county services.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 27th day of January, 2015, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:
James S. Mitrising
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes: Mikulaco, Ranalli, Frentzen, Veerkamp,
Noes: none Novasel
Absent: none

By: 
Deputy Clerk


Chair, Board of Supervisors
Brian K. Veerkamp