

**RESOLUTION OF THE PLUMAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
ADVOCATING RE-AUTHORIZATION FOR FEDERAL PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES  
(PILT) PROGRAM IN THE 114TH CONGRESS**

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 the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, account for nearly 640 million acres owned and occupied in the United States; and

WHEREAS, In 1976 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 in Plumas County the Federal Payment In Lieu of Taxes Program is vitally important in funding our county roads; 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 113<sup>th</sup> 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 Plumas County 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.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 13th day of January, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS THRALL, ENGEL, SIMPSON, SWOFFORD, GOSS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE



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Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



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Clerk of the Board