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Resolution Number 1-14

A Resolution of the County Supervisors Association of Arizona Respectfully Requesting the Congress of the United States to Immediately Provide Full Funding for the Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes Program

WHEREAS, the Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) program was established in 1976 to offset costs incurred by counties for services provided to the federal government and to the users of federal lands located within a county, and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is comprised of 113,417 square miles of land, of which 42 percent is comprised of federally owned, non-tribal land unavailable for economic development and not part of the property tax base, while private land in Arizona comprises only 17 percent, and

WHEREAS, the national average PILT payment in Fiscal Year 2013 was \$0.66 per acre, far below the amount federal lands would return through both value based taxation and economic development, and

WHEREAS, counties are required to provide law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency services, road building and maintenance, and other community services on, or associated with tax-exempt federal public lands, and

WHEREAS, Congress failed to provide funding for the PILT program in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, jeopardizing \$32 million in PILT funding for Arizona counties and causing great uncertainty about county finances and services in Fiscal Year 2014 and Fiscal Year 2015, and

WHEREAS, a lack of PILT funding places the large, unsustainable burden of providing services on federal lands squarely on the backs of local county tax payers, while the presence of that federal land creates barriers to further economic opportunities, and

WHEREAS, failure to provide PILT funding to Arizona counties in a timely manner will critically impact the budget process and structural solvency of counties, and substantially compromises the ability to provide essential services, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Supervisors Association of Arizona hereby respectfully requests that the United States Congress provide full funding to the PILT program for Fiscal Year 2014 without delay and find a solution for sustainable funding into the future, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Supervisors Association of Arizona urges Senator John McCain, Senator Jeff Flake, Representative Ann Kirkpatrick, Representative Ron Barber, Representative Raúl Grijalva, Representative Paul Gosar, Representative Matt Salmon, Representative David Schweikert,



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Representative Ed Pastor, Representative Trent Franks, and Representative Krysten Sinema to appeal to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry Chairwoman, Senator Stabenow (MI), and Ranking Member, Senator Cochran (MS), and to the House Committee on Agriculture Chairman, Representative Lucas (OK-3), and Ranking Member, Representative Peterson (MN-7), to include a renewal of the PILT program for Fiscal Year 2014 in the final Farm Bill conference report, and to advocate for sustainable funding into the future.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of January, 2014.

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ATTEST:

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County Supervisors Association of Arizona