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Resolution Number 2-17

A Resolution of the County Supervisors Association of Arizona Respectfully Requesting that State Leaders Take Action to Increase State and Local Investment in Transportation Infrastructure

WHEREAS, the road building and maintenance responsibilities of Arizona's counties are critical to public safety, economic development and quality of life in Arizona, and

WHEREAS, the Highway User Revenue Fund, known as HURF, is the primary resource dedicated to state, county and municipal highway and road construction, and

WHEREAS, HURF relies heavily on an 18 cent per gallon fuel tax that has not been raised since 1990, and is not indexed for inflation, leading to a substantial degradation in HURF purchasing power as the price of asphalt, rock products and heavy equipment has increased dramatically, and

WHEREAS, the emergence of new and developing technologies in addition to an increase in the sale of electric, hybrid, and other fuel efficient vehicles will inevitably continue to decrease state and local gas tax revenues, and

WHEREAS, since Fiscal Year 2009, \$143.4 million of county HURF has been diverted to fund state obligations, and

WHEREAS, the reduced allocations from HURF to counties has resulted in counties suspending new construction, substantially decreasing road maintenance activities, and increasing designation of "primitive" roads, and

WHEREAS, these reduced allocations from HURF have caused similar infrastructure deficits in state and municipal transportation departments, making it evident that the road system in Arizona has been substantially compromised and funding is inadequate for current and future needs:



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Supervisors Association of Arizona hereby respectfully requests that the Arizona State Legislature:

- Discontinue the use of HURF resources for purposes other than road activities and restore those funds to state and local government transportation departments;
- Identify and enact revenue enhancements for the existing HURF distribution system; and
- Identify and enact policies that improve efficient utilization of transportation resources.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of October, 2017.

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ATTEST:

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