

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION APPROVING)	RESOLUTION NO. 15-008
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 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, 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 Amador 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 Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 10th day of February, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: John Plasse, Louis D. Boitano, Richard M. Forster, and Lynn A. Morgan

NOES: None

ABSENT: Brian Oneto



John Plasse, Vice Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California



Deputy