

Introduced by the Finance Committee

**INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE STATE OF MICHIGAN TO  
PRESERVE REVENUE SHARING FOR COUNTIES**

**RESOLUTION #11-072**

WHEREAS, some form of “revenue sharing “from the state to local units has been around since 1939, and

WHEREAS, this long standing tradition whereby income, sales, property, or business taxes were collected by the state and shared with local units was established in exchange for the preemption of local levies, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to state statute and guidance from the Michigan Department of Treasury, Ingham County withdrew \$6 million from their revenue sharing reserve fund in 2010; and

WHEREAS, during 2011 Ingham County will exhaust its revenue sharing reserve funds and is therefore scheduled to resume statutory revenue sharing payments from the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, 2012 should have been the first full year that Ingham County resumed receiving their statutory revenue sharing payments, estimated at a little over \$6 million; and

WHEREAS, Ingham County uses such revenues to fund a variety of programming at the county level, including funding for essential public health services, emergency operations, register property deeds, maintain and improve county drains, law enforcement, jail operations, elections, trial court operations, equalization, birth and death records, marriage licenses, mental health services, foster care, and juvenile justice; and

WHEREAS, Governor Rick Snyder has proposed a 34% reduction to county revenue sharing in his Fiscal Year 2012 budget for the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, this proposed reduction in revenue sharing would result in a loss of approximately \$2,000,000 to Ingham County’s budget; and

WHEREAS, services provided by Ingham County to its residents would be severely impaired by such a reduction to its General Fund budget.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners calls on the Governor of the State of Michigan to reconsider his position on these cuts and to restore full revenue sharing to counties for Fiscal Year 2012.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners calls on the Legislature of the State of Michigan to support full revenue sharing to counties for fiscal year 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall send copies of this resolution to Governor Rick Snyder, the Ingham County State Legislative Delegation, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

**FINANCE: Yeas:** Schor, Tsernoglou, Nolan, Bahar-Cook, McGrain, Dougan  
**Nays:** None      **Absent:** None      **Approved 3/2/11**