

RESOLUTION NO. 259-92

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL OF THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT SPENDING REFORM TO ADDRESS IOWA'S STATE BUDGET DEFICIT BY DIVERTING \$50,000,000.00 FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE USE TAX REVENUES TO THE GENERAL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Governor's Committee On Government Spending Reform has issued its final report which proposes to reallocate \$50 million of road use tax revenues annually for four years to retire the GAAP deficit and to start building an emergency reserve fund; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that MITCHELL will lose up to \$111,098.69 annually in revenue from the use tax; and

WHEREAS, numerous existing annual diversions from the Road Use Tax Fund such as funding the Highway Patrol, reduce county governments' share of the Road Use Tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, any loss of road funds by county governments would result directly in property tax increases or service reductions to county residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Mitchell county is opposed to any diversion of funds from the Road Use Tax fund to finance state budget deficits; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Mitchell county desires to publicly declare its opposition to the diversion proposal and wishes its position to be communicated to the Governor and the Iowa Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF Mitchell COUNTY, that the Board is opposed to any proposal which reduces county governments' share of the state revenues in the Road Use Tax Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors is opposed to any proposal which would divert revenue from the motor vehicle use tax for the purpose of reducing the state's budget deficit or to establish reserves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Terry E. Branstad, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa 50319 and to Mitchell County State Legislators.

PASSED & APPROVED:

February 18, 1992 Detty D. Heston Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sandra Heckstein