

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING
IMPOSITION OF A PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION
BY THE IOWA LEGISLATURE**

RESOLUTION # 472-00

WHEREAS, all county supervisors take very seriously their statutory responsibility to prepare the multimillion dollar county budget, and devote their time and energy as elected officials to developing the best possible budget for all county residents; and

WHEREAS, property taxes collected by all Iowa counties have increased a total of less than four percent over the last 10 years, when adjusted for inflation, meaning that state taxes are increasing much faster than county property taxes; and

WHEREAS, counties already have several time-tested property tax limitations in place, including the \$3.50 per thousand limit on the general fund and the \$3.95 per thousand limit on the rural fund; and

WHEREAS, any additional property tax limitation would be contrary to the concept of local control;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the board opposes any effort by the Iowa Legislature to impose a new property tax limitation during the 2000 session.

William K. Szmer
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Sandra Heekstein
County Auditor

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