

TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 10 – 2010

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING AMENDMENT 60

WHEREAS, the Town of Minturn (the "Town"), in the County of Eagle and State of Colorado is a home rule municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Colorado and the Town Charter; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Town Council of the Town (the "Council") have been duly elected and qualified; and

WHEREAS, state voters will have the opportunity at the November 2 statewide general election to protect the fiscal health of local government by defeating Amendment 60; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 60 will severely hamper municipal enterprise and authority operations which provide funding for services such as sewer, water, electric, gas, aviation, and downtown redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 60 would allow electors to vote on property taxes where they own real property; and

WHEREAS, The term "elector" is not defined in Amendment 60 and could extend voting on property taxes to corporations, and to those property owners who live outside of the town, the state, or even the country, thereby diminishing local voter influence over local decisions; and

WHEREAS, school districts would be required to cut property taxes by 50 percent and it is estimated schools would lose more than \$1 billion dollars in funding each year; and

WHEREAS, the cut in school taxes would result in more school closings and fewer teachers; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 60 eliminates prior voter-approved questions at the municipal level, overturning over 400 voter-approved measures; and

WHEREAS, Overturning prior voter-approved questions would eliminate local control over how excess revenues are spent; and

WHEREAS, A number of prominent individuals, newspapers, and organizations including the Colorado Municipal League are voicing opposition to these measures as not being in the best interests of Colorado and of local communities; and

WHEREAS, provisions of state law do allow the Town to put forth this resolution as a statement of opposition to the measure known as Amendment 60.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MINTURN, COUNTY OF EAGLE, AND STATE OF COLORADO:

The Town Council hereby opposes Amendment 60 and urges our citizens to vote against this ballot measure.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND RESOLVED this 21st day of July, 2010.

TOWN OF MINTURN

By: *Hank Kops Flaherty*
Mayor

ATTEST:

[Handwritten Signature]

Town Clerk

