

TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 12 – 2010

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSITION 101

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 Proposition 101; and

WHEREAS, During this current economic downturn the Town has already cut budgets, and full-time positions; and

WHEREAS, This ballot measure significantly reduces or otherwise restricts both state and local revenues in a number of different ways including but not limited to: specific ownership taxes, telecommunication taxes, state income taxes, state-shared revenues to assist municipalities with local street and transit improvements, other state grants and loans to help local government, and property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Services and programs in the Town will be limited or curtailed because of the numerous restrictions and revenue reductions proposed by this measure; and

WHEREAS, Under this proposal E-9-1-1 fees are locked permanently into their 2009 rates with no flexibility to be increased, which will have significant impacts on delivering emergency services; and

WHEREAS, State income tax reduction has been estimated to be over \$1 billion, which means virtually no on-going state financial support for certain grant and loan programs available to cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, The rollback of vehicle charges will result in an estimated 26% reduction in CDOT's budget and 37% reduction in municipal HUFT proceeds, according to a CDOT analysis; and

WHEREAS, This proposal represents a virtual elimination of specific ownership taxes which are collected and distributed back to local governments in lieu of property tax on vehicles, which totaled \$492.4 million for local governments according to the 2009 state Revenue Department report; and

WHEREAS, A number of prominent individuals, newspapers, and organizations including the Colorado Municipal League are voicing opposition to this measure 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 measures known as Proposition 101.

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 Proposition 101 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 Kaye Fleberly*
Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]

Town Clerk

