



Resolution No. 1-14

A Resolution of the Arizona Association of Counties Urging
Fiscal Year 2014 Funding for the
Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program

WHEREAS, the Arizona Association of Counties Board of Directors met this 24th day of January, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Association of Counties represents 332 elected county officials throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is comprised of 113,417 square miles, the sixth largest in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management comprise 42% of Arizona's land mass; and

WHEREAS, the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act (PILT), Public Law 94-565 was passed on October 20, 1976 to offset the loss of property tax revenue on these lands by making payments to counties; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's counties rely on the PILT payments of more than \$32 million statewide to provide services including public safety, law enforcement, road maintenance and health services; and

WHEREAS, Congress has not yet authorized PILT payments for the current fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arizona Association of Counties urges Congress to authorize full PILT payments for Fiscal Year 2014 and furthermore urges Arizona's House and Senate delegations to encourage Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK), Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture, to include full PILT funding for Fiscal Year 2104 in the Farm Bill conference report.

Approved by the Arizona Association of Counties this 24th day of January, 2014.



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