## Resolution Eliminating Livingston County's 2022 Winter Property Tax Bill - Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Labor Statistics recently reported the wholesale inflation rate jumped by $11.2 \%$, the largest gain on record; and

WHEREAS, inflation siphons money particularly from poor, working and middle-class Americans. Not only does inflation steal from citizens' current earnings, but inflation also simultaneously steals from savings from past earnings; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County is expected to receive approximately $\$ 37$ million from the passage of HR 1319 of 2021 (ARPA funding); and

WHEREAS, the source of this $\$ 37$ million dollars is not the federal government, rather, it is hard-earned money taken from American taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, ARPA does not prohibit local authorities from using ARPA funds to provide tax relief to citizens, and contrary to rules issued by the Biden administration, courts have ruled that ARPA funds can be used to provide tax relief to citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED considering skyrocketing inflation and extraordinary gasoline and food prices, the Livingston County Board of Commissioners is committed to providing tax relief to our citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners authorizes the complete elimination of Livingston County's 2022 Winter Property Tax Bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to not interfere with the delivery of services, that ARPA funds will be used to supplant revenues lost by elimination of the 2022 Winter Property Tax Bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize any budget amendment and authorizes the Board Chair to sign all forms and amendments related to the above.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Administrator shall send a copy of this resolution to all Michigan Counties, and our State Legislators.
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