

**RESOLUTION THANKING U. S. SENATOR HARRY REID FOR HIS LEADERSHIP
IN OBTAINING FULL FUNDING FOR PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAXES (PILT)
AND REAUTHORIZATION OF SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS (SRS)**

WHEREAS, PILT was authorized in 1976, but Congress has declined every year since to fund the program at its authorized level, and

WHEREAS, PILT and SRS payments honor the commitment from Washington, D.C., to Western communities, a commitment that has deep historic and policy roots, and

WHEREAS, Obtaining full funding for PILT has been a top priority for the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) for many years, and

WHEREAS, Counties' property tax revenues are sharply limited by the presence of large tracts of tax-exempt federal land within their boundaries, and

WHEREAS, Counties rely on PILT and SRS to meet the demands for public safety, public health and natural-disaster response that are directly related to the vast expanses of public lands in their jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, Senator Reid, in January 2007, made a commitment to fully fund PILT to help Nevada's counties meet these demands for service, and

WHEREAS, Despite several unsuccessful attempts to fully fund PILT, Senator Reid never waived from his commitment to NACO and Nevada's counties, and

WHEREAS, On September 3, 2008 the President signed into Law H.R.1424 which includes full funding for PILT for five years and the retooled SRS program for four years, representing a huge victory for Nevada's counties, and

WHEREAS, This increase in federal funding comes at a crucial time as it will help Nevada counties continue to provide essential services during this economic downturn.

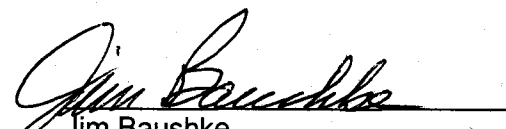
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NACO sincerely thanks Senator Reid for his leadership and perseverance in obtaining full funding for PILT and increasing Nevada's share of payments under SRS, and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NACO urges Boards of County Commissioners and Supervisors throughout Nevada to acknowledge Senator Reid for his leadership in obtaining full funding for PILT and increased funding under SRS.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 13th day of November, 2008 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties.

Attest:


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