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Resolution No. 11-1

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SANGAMON COUNTY AUDITOR

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly, with the passage of Public Act 95-0675, has established a process whereby the Sangamon County Board could potentially have final approval over the implementation of a county-wide sales tax for school facility purposes; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 95-0675 specifically provides that the Sangamon County Board *may* impose the proposed sales tax, if approved by the voters via referendum at the November 2, 2010 General Election, thereby placing the Board in the pivotal role of determining the final outcome of the referendum; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 95-0675 also specifically provides that the Sangamon County Board *may* impose the proposed sales tax at a rate other than that approved at referendum, thereby also placing the Board in the pivotal role of determining the final rate of the proposed sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the Sangamon County Board did not seek out, lobby on behalf of, or in any way promote the approval and implementation process contained within Public Act 95-0675, but accepts and takes this responsibility seriously; and

WHEREAS, it is clear to all that have reviewed Public Act 95-0675 that the Illinois General Assembly has intentionally and purposefully vested in the Sangamon County Board the authority and responsibility to implement the proposed sales tax; and

WHEREAS, however, a question has arisen as to how the Sangamon County Board should approach this authority and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the initial reaction of the Sangamon County Board is to accept this responsibility as it does many others, by educating themselves on the facility needs of the Sangamon County's school districts, understanding the nature of the sales tax being proposed, determining the potential impact of a school facility sales tax on local taxpayers, local businesses and local governments, holding public forums to gather input from special interest groups and individuals, weighing the needs of other potential community services vying for future tax revenue, and then ultimately determining what is in the best interests of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, others have advocated that the Sangamon County Board abdicate its responsibility authorized under Public Act 95-0675; and

WHEREAS, given these conflicting opinions, the Board is seeking direction from the voters on the role it should play in implementing the School Facility Sales tax; and

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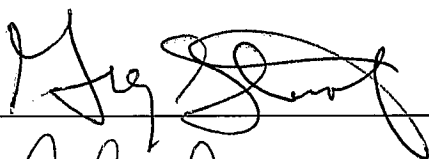
Joe Aiello
Sangamon County Clerk

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Sangamon County Board in session this **10th day of August, 2010**, that in the November 2, 2010 general election there shall be placed on the ballot the proposition heretofore stated in substantially the following form:

If a majority of the voters in Sangamon County authorize an additional sales tax for school facility purposes, shall the Sangamon County Board weigh the impact on other community services, public safety, public health and public infrastructure before determining the final rate of the tax to be levied?

AND BE IT further resolved that the Sangamon County Clerk shall certify said question to the Sangamon County Election Office.

Respectfully Submitted



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