

RESOLUTION NO. R 011 87

REQUESTING THE STATE OF DELAWARE TO DECREASE THE STATE REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX

WHEREAS, Sussex County, Delaware (the "County") will be losing close to \$1.4 million, or almost twenty (20%) of its current operating budget, in the next fiscal year due to the elimination of Federal Revenue Sharing; and

WHEREAS, the other two Counties of Delaware will be experiencing similar losses in Federal Revenue Sharing; and

WHEREAS, the three Counties of Delaware have provided important and necessary programs to their Counties with this funding; and

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware is expected to receive a surplus in its next fiscal year due to changes in the Federal Tax Code and general economic conditions in the State; and

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware currently has in place a two (2) percent real estate transfer tax, with the counties currently receiving two hundredths of a percent in real estate transfer taxes, which comes out of the State's two percent (2%); and

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware has many forms of taxes and revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Delaware are generally limited in their taxes and revenues to real estate taxes and user fees; and

WHEREAS, a real estate transfer tax could be more closely associated with the needs of the local County to provide the necessary public facilities, infrastructure and planning than the State Government,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sussex County Council that the State of Delaware should decrease the State real estate transfer tax from two percent (2%) to one percent (1%); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Counties pick up the one percent (1%) real estate transfer tax that the State gives up.

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
OF RESOLUTION NO. R 011 87 PASSED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUSSEX
COUNTY ON THE 17th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1987.

Emogene P. Ellis
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CLERK OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL