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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Federal Revenue Sharing Program, which was enacted in 1972, will send 68,768,127 dollars into the state of South Carolina in 1985; and

WHEREAS, 39,173,584 dollars of this money will come directly to the County Governments of South Carolina with the flexibility to be spent in response to local needs; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Revenue Sharing Program currently makes up 7.9% percent of Beaufort county's budget; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County has in the past year used this money to meet some of the most pressing needs of it's county community such as sanitation, law enforcement, public works, health, library/recreation, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, If the \$1,141,420 dollars received from this program in the past year by Beaufort county are eliminated, the County will, to maintain the current level of services, have to levy an additional 4.3 mils of tax upon it's residents or in the alternative reduce it's services; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort county does not now, and because of the mandates of the South Carolina Law which requires a balanced budget, will not in the future have a budget surplus; and

WHEREAS, The Beaufort County Council understands the need for the reduction of the Federal deficit and the pressures placed upon our distinguished Congressional Delegation to strive for a balanced budget on the federal level; and

WHEREAS, Counties in South Carolina further realize that we, along with all others, must shoulder an equitable portion of any reductions in Federal Programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bft. County Council that the Federal Revenue Sharing Program is the single most important element in the Federal/Local relationship and with its flexibility is truly one of the Federal Programs which can be used on the local level to meet the most pressing needs of our county community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Beaufort County Council respectfully requests that our Congressional Delegation support the continued funding of this most important Federal Program.

Adopted this 25th Day of February, 1985

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