



BOISE COUNTY

RESOLUTION #2021-13

A BOISE COUNTY RESOLUTION TO APPROVE UNFUNDED MANDATE LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, Boise County is a political subdivision of the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Boise County derives its powers and authorities from the Idaho Constitution and Idaho Code, as enacted by the Idaho Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the programs and services carried out by Boise County, on behalf of its citizens, are mandated by Idaho Code; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing State mandated programs and services, is only partially paid for by shared State revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature has granted counties taxing authority to fund county programs and services; and

WHEREAS, underfunded and unfunded State mandated county programs and services have increased property taxes; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to curb the practice of imposing underfunded, or unfunded, State mandates on local governments; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of adequate State funding, the Idaho Legislature has not allowed political subdivisions to reduce or discontinue State mandated programs or services; and

WHEREAS, State mandated services may displace local revenues that would otherwise be dedicated to other essential local governmental priorities; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to ensure the State of Idaho adequately fund the costs incurred by political subdivisions in complying with State laws, rules, and regulations that mandate local government programs and services; and

WHEREAS, to strengthen the partnership between the State of Idaho and its political subdivisions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Boise County Commissioners call for the Idaho legislature, and the Governor, to pass legislation to prohibit the imposition of responsibility for new programs, or increased levels of service under existing programs, on any political subdivision of the State, unless the subdivision

is fully reimbursed by the State for the costs of the new programs, or increase to funding capacity. Reimbursement by the State may be made by: (a) A specific appropriation or (b) increases in State distributions of revenue to political subdivisions.

Adopted in open session this 22nd, day of December 2020, by those Commissioners subscribing their names hereto.

BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



RYAN T. STIRM, Chairman



ROGER B. JACKSON, Commissioner



ALAN D. WARD, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Mary T. Prisco, Clerk to the Board