

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES
THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON

DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

R E S O L U T I O N

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 18, 2019

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HF773 (FORMERLY HSB165) A PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE IOWA LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, Scott County believes that, in the spirit of Home Rule, county budgeting and spending is best left in the hands of locally elected governments; and

WHEREAS, Scott County takes great care to provide top notch services while remaining committed to conservative spending and responsible fund balances; and

WHEREAS, increasing county taxes are often the result of state mandates, such as pension contributions, and commercial and multi-residential property tax rollbacks; and

WHEREAS, each county has unique needs, goals and priorities such that uniform caps are not appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the property tax reform bill under consideration was developed with little input from stakeholders and may result in unintended consequences damaging to Scott County; and,

WHEREAS the proposed limitations on the authority of locally elected officials, proposed caps on property tax revenue growth, proposed caps on ending fund balances, and proposed limitations on the permitted use of the new County Services and Rural County Services Levy for costs of pensions and employee health insurance are unnecessary and would have a negative impact on Scott County and its citizens.

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. That Scott County remains committed to keeping taxes low and providing great value to its citizens, but opposes HF773 for the above-stated reasons.

Section 2. This resolution shall take place immediately.