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**CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER
RESOLUTION 09-2010**

Introduced by: _____

A Resolution to petition the Administration and the Maryland General Assembly to reinstate the state shared revenues diverted from municipal governments to fund operations of the state and to provide more diverse revenue raising authority to municipalities.

WHEREAS, The State has slashed vital State-shared revenues historically provided to municipal governments, on average, by more than 76% for this current fiscal year and by more than 90% for many municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Future budgets approved by the Administration and the Maryland General Assembly continue these significant and untenable cuts to cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, Increases in property tax rates, cutbacks in local service provision, elimination of local road projects, and reductions in workforce are the sole options left to municipalities to offset this devastating loss of general fund revenues and incorporated municipalities' extremely narrow user revenues and police aid that have been diverted to balance the state's general fund; and

WHEREAS, This issue is of significant importance to the City of Mount Rainier and it is critical that the Administration and Maryland General Assembly take actions needed to rectify this serious problem; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mount Rainier supports the efforts of the Maryland Municipal League to reinstate lost state funding for municipal governments and to create alternative municipal funding mechanisms.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Mount Rainier convened on September 7, 2010 to urge the Administration, for this coming and future years, to submit a budget document to the General Assembly reinstating to municipal governments full funding for highway user revenues and state aid for police protection; and that the Maryland General Assembly enact and the Governor sign into law enabling legislation to significantly broaden the authority of incorporated municipalities to raise own-source revenues to reduce the reliance of cities and town on the property tax to fund municipal government services.

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