

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF NEWBERRY )

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-14**

**WHEREAS**, Newberry County Council has learned that the Local Government Fund (LGF) allocated by the South Carolina General Assembly for FY 14-15 provides Newberry County with more than \$500,000 *less than* the statutorily prescribed formula amount, as set forth in §6-27-30 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, pursuant to the State Aid to Subdivisions Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Carolina General Assembly has not fully funded the LGF allocation since 1984, and continues in the coming year to severely underfund it, despite a significant increase in revenues of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, mandated State obligations, including those pertaining to providing offices for and otherwise funding numerous State functions, have not correspondingly declined with this loss of revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the failure of the LGF to offset State-related costs incurred at the local level necessarily increases the property tax liability of Newberry County citizens, and also for property owning citizens in every county of our State;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Newberry County Council to impress upon the General Assembly that its diminution of the statutorily required LGF has become a recurring property tax *by the South General Assembly* on South Carolinians; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Council urges the Newberry County Legislative Delegation to stand up for Newberry County, and all other counties, by seeking full funding of the statutory funding formula; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Newberry County Council directs its Clerk to Council to forward a copy of this Resolution to both members of the Newberry County Legislative Delegation, requesting that they further circulate it among their colleagues in the General Assembly.

**AND IT IS SO RESOLVED THIS DAY OF MAY 7, 2014 AT NEWBERRY, S.C.**

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

(SEAL)

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman**

**Attest:**

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**Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council**