

**Resolution of Support
Larimer County Sheriff's Office
Sales Tax For Public Safety**

The Larimer County Sheriff's Office is requesting a resolution of support for an extension of the two 0.2 percent sales taxes that were passed in 1997. The funds would be used to operate the jail and related public safety programs for 15 years.

WHEREAS, the Larimer County Sheriff's Office and jail are well run and maintaining current services is important to public safety in Larimer County; and

WHEREAS, the Larimer County use of diversion and treatment programs has reduced the jail population incarceration rate to one of the lowest in the state; and

WHEREAS, the poor economy has led to a current shortfall of \$3 million even after staff reductions of 50 positions and other cuts in programs; and

WHEREAS, if the two sales taxes expire in the next two years the funding shortfall will increase to \$11 million; and

WHEREAS, a failure to extend the sales tax would require raiding other services in the county budget to fund corrections and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the 15 year extension would be used to maintain current jail programs, restore treatment and rehabilitation programs; and

WHEREAS, the 15 year extension would address future criminal justice and public safety needs in the community; and

WHEREAS, the sales tax extension would change the existing tax rate of 4 cents on a 10 dollar purchase to 3.75 cents on a 10 dollar purchase and funds would be dispersed from an audited Jail Sales Tax Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Larimer County Commissioners put the proposal on the ballot for the November 2011 election to extend the two sales tax for public safety programs.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, The Health District of Northern Larimer County supports the 0.375 of a percent sales tax to be used for corrections services to operate the jail and public safety programs for 15 years.

Signed: *Christa Habel King* Date: 9-27-11

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