AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

R-FY-14-50
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2014

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Annette S. Perkins and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia hereby supports legislation that may be introduced in the 2014 General Assembly session that ends the transfer of state funding shortfalls to localities and the continued shift of services traditionally provided by the state to local government.

The Board further supports legislation that strengthens localities' ability to fund and deliver services to our citizens including:

- ***Ending Unfunded Mandates on Local Government*** by reducing state mandates in proportion to state revenue reductions. Also, shifting the delivery of state services such as transportation should end. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECONDARY ROADS SHOULD NOT BE SHIFTED TO LOCALITIES.**

- ***Ending Future State Funding Reductions*** in the two areas where the state has served as a partner with local government: public education and public safety.

- ***Strengthening the Diversity of Local Revenues by Sharing Income Taxes or Other Revenue Sources in Support of Local Services*** by distributing a percentage of individual income tax revenues, providing the authority to levy a local income tax, or allowing other sources to generate revenue locally for locally delivered services.

- ***Strengthening the County's Revenue Base by Enacting Equal Taxing Authority*** by eliminating the distinction in the taxing authority of Virginia's cities and counties.

- ***Recognizing the State's Role in Funding Quality Education*** by fully funding the state Standards of Quality (SOQ), basing teacher pay raises on actual positions, not just SOQ.

- ***Ensuring 100% of Administrative Funds for the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA)*** and increasing state matching share for all CSA costs.

- ***Providing State Funding for 100% of the Costs of Optical Scan Voting Machines, 100% of the Costs of Electronic Pollbooks and 100% of the Operating Costs of the Electoral Board/General Registrar.***

- ***Increasing State Aid to Library System*** and ensuring no new cuts in state aid to the library system.

- ***Processing and Marketing of Industrial Hemp*** Montgomery County supports efforts by all levels of government to allow cultivation, processing and marketing of industrial hemp.

- ***Mandatory Water and Sewer Connections*** Montgomery County requests legislation adding Montgomery County to the list of counties who can require mandatory water and sewer connections pursuant to the authority contained in Section 15.2-2110 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

- ***Eliminate Split Voting Precincts in Montgomery County*** Montgomery County requests that technical adjustments be made to the boundaries of House Districts 7, 8, and 12 in Montgomery County in order to eliminate split voting precincts in Montgomery County

The vote on the forgoing resolution was as follows:

AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Gary D. Creed	None	Matthew R. Gabriele
Annette S. Perkins		
William H. Brown		
Mary W. Biggs		
Christopher A. Tuck		
James D. Politis		

ATTEST: F. Craig Meadows

F. Craig Meadows
County Administrator