

**PROPERTY TAX LIMIT RESOLUTION NO. - \_\_\_\_**

**A resolution to protect the citizens of Clark County from property tax increases above and beyond 1% in a single year.**

**WHEREAS**, The health and wellbeing of the citizens of Clark County are best assured by encouraging policies that secure a future free from the threat of substantial property tax increases that are above and beyond the annual legal limit; and

**WHEREAS**, Such out of the ordinary property tax increases should not be needed due to adopted sound financial principles and practices that have realized significant ongoing savings, provided for long term reserves, paid off millions in inherited debt, eliminated bank lines of credit, and achieved the best practices recommended for healthy county government; and

**WHEREAS**, Clark County has established an outstanding multiyear positive job growth trend as documented by the State Department of Employment Security Regional Economist reports; and

**WHEREAS**, Clark County has already provided for the cost of adding 8 new sheriff deputies and additional support staff, avoided new debt by paying cash for major improvements including next generation CRESA radios, permitting software, and jail records software

**WHEREAS**, Clark County Community Development records show that new businesses are investing over \$60 million in unincorporated Clark County to create more than 1900 new local full time private sector jobs and \$300 million in new local annual sales to generate over \$10 million in new local tax revenue and over \$40 million in new state tax revenue; now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON**

**SECTION 1. Findings.**

The Board hereby adopts the findings and conclusions contained in the recital clauses above as findings supporting this resolution.

**SECTION 1. Decision.**

This Board adopts a policy that considers the previously banked capacity of property tax increases to be waived and reset to zero. This Board chooses, as far as legally possible, to eliminate the risk to Clark County citizens that their property taxes would be raised above and beyond the 1% legal limit already allowed in a single year.



ADOPTED this \_\_\_ day of April 2015.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR CLARK COUNTY

Attest:

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Clerk to the Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Madore, Chair

Approved as to form only:  
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