



**COMMISSIONERS**  
Jimmy Dimora  
Peter Lawson Jones  
Tim McCormack

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## **CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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### **RESOLUTION**

**Resolution setting forth in term the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners' policy regarding a balanced budget in 2002.**

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**WHEREAS, the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners reviews, provides and approves funds used to support public services of all Cuyahoga County offices.**

**WHEREAS, the preparation of the 2002 budget was especially challenging because of the increasing stress on the County's revenue based on decreased local and state revenue sources.**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners in December 2001 established that County agencies, departments and elected officials would need to achieve a 10% general fund reduction in the 2002 budget.**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners has developed a monthly and quarterly budget and program report card.**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners established a volunteer Budget Oversight Committee comprised of private and non-profit financial executives.**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners is committed to providing quarterly reviews of departmental and agency budgets at regularly scheduled Commission meetings.**

**AND WHEREAS, a number of County agencies, departments, and elected officials struggling to balance legitimate demands for critical services with the realization of reduced revenues have undertaken a number of operational efficiency initiatives.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners sets forth their resolve to ensure a balanced budget for the 2002 fiscal year.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners expects all County agencies, departments and elected officials to search for and find additional means to balance their individual budgets.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners recognizes those that have met their goals and acknowledges their invaluable participation to date. We must continue these positive efforts across all County agencies, departments and elected offices.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that failure of the County agencies, departments, and elected officials to make the necessary budget sacrifices immediately will adversely affect the entire community and that it is critical that essential cost cutting measures be incorporated into all agency operational plans immediately.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners recommends that these cost cutting measures include a hiring freeze, travel restrictions, flexible or reduced work hours, contract reductions and any other means deemed appropriate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the well-being of Cuyahoga County requires the full cooperation in these extraordinary times from all departments, agencies and elected officials as well as their for-profit and non-profit partners, recognizing that all will have to participate in sacrifice for the continued health of our entire community. Further, no department or agency receiving general fund dollars can be excluded for any reason from being a part of the County's budget reduction plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit one copy of this resolution to all County elected officials, court administrators, directors and managers.

**On Motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Dimora, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.**

**Ayes: Jones, Dimora, McCormack.**

**Nays: None.**

**Resolution Adopted.**

**Marjorie J. Pettus,  
Clerk of the Board**

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