

**RESOLUTION 11-2014
CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO REQUEST ONE MILL LEVY
FOR THE MADISON COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that funding for Search and Rescue activities in Madison County is insufficient; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Search and Rescue, a non-profit organization, has been supported mainly through donations, non-paid volunteer members, privately owned member equipment and declining funding from State revenue sources and limited funding from the Madison County Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, the Madison County Search and Rescue has asked the Madison County Board of Commissioners to establish funding for Search and Rescue activities within Madison County.

WHEREAS, there is a need for a permanent levy of 1 mill or approximately \$79,371.00 in the first year of the mill levy and subject to 15-10-420 MCA (1) (a) inflationary and new growth allowed in subsequent years to fund training ,equipment, facilities, and the operations and maintenance of the Search and Rescue Organization, and;

WHEREAS, Section 15-10-420 and 15-10-425, MCA authorizes Madison County to request a new mill levy to be submitted to the electors by conducting an election.

WHEREAS, the revenue raised by this levy will be used for the safety of all citizens within Madison County, the funds will be used for, but not limited to, searches for lost and/or injured children; hikers and hunters; disaster and fire evacuation; missing boaters and fishermen; etc and;

WHEREAS, Madison County presently has a taxable valuation of approximately \$79,371,930 and therefore each mill raises approximately \$79,371.00 in tax revenue.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there shall be placed before the electors of Madison County on the June 3, 2014, ballot in the primary election as follows:

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County be authorized to impose a permanent one mill levy of approximately \$79,371.00 for the purpose of financing training, equipment, facilities, and the operations and maintenance of the Search and Rescue Organization? If this levy passes, property taxes for a home valued at \$100,000 would increase by approximately \$1.31 per year, and for a home valued at \$200,000 property taxes would increase by approximately \$2.62 per year.

FOR establishing a permanent levy of one mill to raise approximately \$79,371.00 per year for Madison County Search and Rescue.

AGAINST establishing a permanent levy of one mill to raise approximately \$79,371.00 per year for Madison County Search and Rescue.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

JAMES P. HART, CHAIRMAN

DAN A. HAPPEL

DAVID SCHULZ

ATTEST: _____
Peggy Kaatz
Clerk and Recorder