RESOLUTION NO. 1-1992

PRESENTING THE QUESTION OF A RESORT TAX TO THE ELECTORS RESIDING IN THE MADISON COUNTY SEGMENT OF THE BIG SKY RESORT AREA.

THIS RESOLUTION was introduced by Byron Bayes, Commissioner, moved by John Allhands, Commissioner, and seconded by W.L. Hancock, Commissioner. The resolution was passed unanimously and adopted.

WHEREAS, Section 7-6-4468, MCA, provides that the establishment of a resort area for the purpose of imposing a resort tax may be initiated by a written petition to the board of county commissioners of the county in which the area is located; and

WHEREAS, Section 7-6-4464(3), MCA, provides that "if a resort area is in more than one county, the resort tax question must be presented to and approved by the electors in the resort area of each county"; and

WHEREAS, a petition has been presented to the Madison County Commissioners to establish the Big Sky Resort Area in the following area, part of which is situated in Madison County, Montana, and part of which is situated in Gallatin County, Montana:

Commencing at the intersection of the Gallatin-Madison County line and the Township line between Township 7 South and Township 8 South, thence due east along said Township line to the Gallatin River-Yellowstone River drainage divide, thence north along said drainage divide to where it intercepts the Gallatin-Park County line, thence north along said county line to where it intercepts the Township line between Range 1 East and Range 2 East, then South along said Township line to where it intercepts the Township line between 7 South and Township 8 South, thence due East along said Township line to the Point of Beginning.
The Madison County part of the Big Sky Resort Area is specifically described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the Gallatin-Madison County line and the Township line between Township 7 South and Township 8 South, thence due west along said Township line to the east boundary of Range 1 East, thence north along said Range boundary line to the south boundary line of Township 5 South, thence east along said Township line to the Gallatin-Madison County line, thence due south to the Point of Beginning; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Clerk and Records has certified that in accordance with Section 7-6-4466(1), MCA, at least 15 percent of the electors residing in the proposed area of Madison County, Montana, have signed the petition; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 1991, the Montana Department of Commerce designated the proposed Big Sky Resort Area as a resort area in accordance with Section 7-6-4461(4)(d), MCA; and

WHEREAS, Section 7-6-4464 (5), MCA, authorizes the board of county commissioners to call either a special election on the resort tax question or have the resort tax question placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Pursuant to Sections 7-6-4464(2)(b) and (5) and 7-6-4468(3), MCA, the Madison County Commissioners present to the electors residing in the Madison County segment of the proposed Big Sky Resort Area the question of the adoption of a resort tax for the Big Sky Resort Area in accordance with the petition presented to the Madison County Commissioners.

2. The election shall be held on [21 April 1992] to be conducted as a special election by mail ballot as authorized by Section 7-6-4464(5)(a), MCA, and Section 13-19-104, MCA.
3. The question to be presented to the electors and the ballot issue shall be in the form specified in Exhibit "A" attached to this resolution.

DATED this 7th day of February, 1992.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MADISON COUNTY

Byron Bauer
Chairman

W. Hancock
Member

John D. Allham
Member

ATTEST:

Dorothy A. Brown
Clerk and Recorder
Exhibit "A"

THIS BALLOT SHOULD BE MARKED WITH AN "X" IN THE SQUARE
BEFORE THE QUESTION SUBMITTED TO A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE

BALLOT ISSUE

To impose a resort tax of three percent (3%) on the retail value of goods and services sold in the Big Sky Resort Area by hotels, motels, other lodging or camping facilities, restaurants, fast food stores, other food service establishments, taverns, bars, night clubs, lounges, other public establishments that serve beer, wine, liquor, or other alcoholic beverages by the drink, destination ski resorts and other destination recreational facilities and on all luxuries to become effective on June 1, 1992, for twenty (20) years to fund infrastructure facilities, public transportation, tourism development, and other public services and facilities within the Area.

FOR the resort tax in the Madison County segment of the Big Sky Resort Area

AGAINST the resort tax in the Madison County segment of the Big Sky Resort Area