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RESOLUTION NUMBER 03-13

WHEREAS, the sales and use tax is the primary source of funding for local services in Arkansas and a major source for state services, and;

WHEREAS, the Governor and General Assembly will most likely consider changes to the sales and use tax in the near future, and;

WHEREAS, those changes could have far reaching effect on local services and the economy of our state, and;

WHEREAS, our economy is becoming more service based, and;

WHEREAS, our tax system would be more progressive if its base was broadened to encompass many of the areas that have been excluded or exempted, and;

WHEREAS, to simply raise the rate of the state sales tax would cause our state to compare unfavorably with competing states, as well as jeopardizing local services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF COTTER, ARKANSAS:

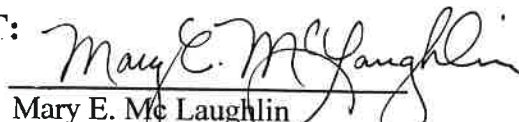
That we strongly urge the Governor and the General Assembly to modernize our states' sales tax base to encompass the type of services and transactions which are increasingly becoming a part of the way commerce is conducted in the Twenty-First Century. We specifically request a broadening of the sales tax base rather than an increase in the state sales tax rate.

PASSED THIS 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2003

APPROVED:


Bill Jennings
Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary E. McLaughlin
Recorder-Treasurer