**CSUT Resolution**

**Whereas,** in the 2006 General Assembly Session the Communications Sales and Use Tax was established at a rate of 5 percent to replace certain local taxes and fees on telecommunications services; and

**Whereas,** in 2015 the Department of Taxation worked with an advisory panel of stakeholders including industry and local government representatives to evaluate the Communications Sales and Use Tax; the study reviewed the overall performance of the Communications Sales and Use Tax, whether communications services receive a competitive advantage by not being taxed, and whether the tax is structured such that it would apply to new methods of communications; and

**Whereas,** since the inception of the Communications Sales and Use Tax, the tax generated declining amounts of revenue. The Communications Sales and Use Tax Fund Revenues in FY 2008 were $472 million; in FY 2015 the amount fell to $396 million.

**Whereas,** 2018 legislation HB1051, modernizes the tax by removing exemptions for audio and streaming services, and prepaid calling services.

**Now Therefore, be it Resolved** that the Board of the (County of \_\_\_\_), Virginia formally requests that the members of the Virginia General Assembly SUPPORT the legislation to modernize the Communications Sales and Use Tax to reflect the present-day telecommunications world.

**Now Therefore, Be it Further Resolved,** that the Board of the (County of \_\_\_\_), Virginia directs the Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the delegates and senators representing the (County); Delegate Vivian Watts, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Virginia Association of Counties.