



**TOWN OF FALMOUTH  
RESOLUTION REGARDING IMPACT OF PROPOSED STATE BUDGET**

**WHEREAS,** the Falmouth Town Council is deeply concerned about the multiple proposals in the State Budget to shift the burden of funding state government to local property taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS,** the Administration's proposed budget eliminates \$284 million in municipal revenue sharing despite a state law that requires 5% of state sales and income tax revenue to be returned to municipalities; and

**WHEREAS,** eliminating municipal revenue sharing would cost taxpayers \$121 annually in property taxes on an average Falmouth home; and

**WHEREAS,** eliminating \$625,000 in state aid and teacher retirement pensions to the Falmouth School District would cost taxpayers \$116 on an average Falmouth home; and

**WHEREAS,** the State Budget would eliminate and significantly modify multiple property tax relief programs, such as the Circuit Breaker and Homestead Exemption, hurting those, in particular, with low incomes under the age of 65; and

**WHEREAS,** eliminating the Homestead Exemption would add an average of \$134 to the property tax of Falmouth homeowners receiving the exemption; and

**WHEREAS,** eliminating the Circuit Breaker program, would cost program participants in Falmouth an average of \$712.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH,** that the Town Council hereby calls upon the Maine Legislature to reject these proposals and work in a collaborative manner to avoid a regressive tax shift to municipalities.

Approved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_