

**COUNTY OF UNION,
ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO
PURCHASE OF LAND BY US FOREST SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the United States Government, through the US Forest Service, currently owns a significant amount of real property within Union County, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, such real property is not subject to property taxation by the County of Union, Illinois or other local taxing bodies; and

WHEREAS, payments made in lieu of taxes on such property are significantly less than the property tax revenue that would be received by the County of Union, Illinois and other local taxing bodies if such land were held by private landowners;

WHEREAS, in recent years, the US Forest Service has approached landowners in Union County, Illinois regarding the purchase of additional real property; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of such real property by the US Forest Service would further decrease the property tax revenues received by the County of Union, Illinois and other local taxing bodies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois as follows:

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois opposes efforts by the United States Government and US Forest Service to purchase additional real property within Union County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Union County Clerk is directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the Chief of the US Forest Service, Senator Richard Durbin, Senator Roland Burris and Congressman Jerry Costello.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois this 7 day of December, 2009.

Chairman: Bundy Gault voting yes.

County Commissioner: John Ham voting YES.

County Commissioner: Donald Deery voting Yes.

Subscribed and Sworn to me this 7 day of December 2009

County Clerk: Bobby Tolson ^{VB}