

**COUNTY OF UNION,
ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OFFICIAL INTENT TO DESIGNATE THE
COUNTY OF UNION, ILLINOIS AS A RECOVERY ZONE AND
ALLOCATING RECOVERY ZONE VOLUME CAP AND APPROVING
PROJECTS FOR PURPOSES OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND
REINVESTMENT TAX ACT OF 2009**

WHEREAS, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009 (the "Act") grants the County of Union, Illinois (the "County") certain authority to issue Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds and Recovery Zone Facility Bonds (collectively, the "Bonds") and distribute recovery zone allocation (the "Allocation") among borrowers and units of local government; and

WHEREAS, prior to issuing the Bonds, the Act requires the County to make certain findings of fact and designate the County as a recovery zone (the "Recovery Zone") pursuant to the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that a Recovery Zone includes areas:

- (1) having significant:
 - (a) poverty;
 - (b) unemployment;
 - (c) rate of home foreclosures; or
 - (d) general distress.
- (2) economically distressed by reason of the closure or realignment of a military installation pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990; or
- (3) for which a designation as an empowerment zone or renewal community is in effect.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County (the "County Board") has determined, that as a result of the recent economic recession, the County has experienced an increased rate of unemployment, increased rate of home foreclosures and is experiencing general distress; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has determined, that as a result of the recent economic recession the County has experienced an increased rate of unemployment (said unemployment

rate being 8.8% for Quarter 4 of 2008 and 11.1% for Quarter 4 of 2009), increased rate of home foreclosures and is experiencing general distress.

NOW THEREFORE Be It Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The County meets certain conditions specified in the Act required to designate the County as a Recovery Zone, those conditions being a significant increase in the unemployment rate, an increase in the rate of home foreclosures, and general distress and the County has been designated as a Recovery Zone.

Section 2. The County Board hereby finds and determines that conditions exist throughout the County to designate the County a Recovery Zone pursuant to the provisions of the Act and the County Board hereby designates the area set forth as Exhibit A attached hereto as a Recovery Zone and designates \$1,071,000 of Recovery Zone Allocation for Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds to be issued by the County to finance a new courthouse.

Section 3. Any amount of Recovery Zone Facility Bond allocation will be allocated pursuant to a future resolution adopted by the County Board of the County.

Section 4. All actions of the officers, agents and employees of the County that are in conformity with the purposes and intent of this Resolution, whether taken before or after the adoption hereof, are hereby ratified, confirmed and adopted.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois this 6 day of July, 2010.

Chairman: Andy Kuehl voting yes.

County Commissioner: John Hawn voting YES.

County Commissioner: Donald Perry voting Yes.

Subscribed and Sworn to me this 6th day of July, 2010

County Clerk: Bobby Tolson Jr.

EXHIBIT A

Map of Union County, Illinois Recovery Zone

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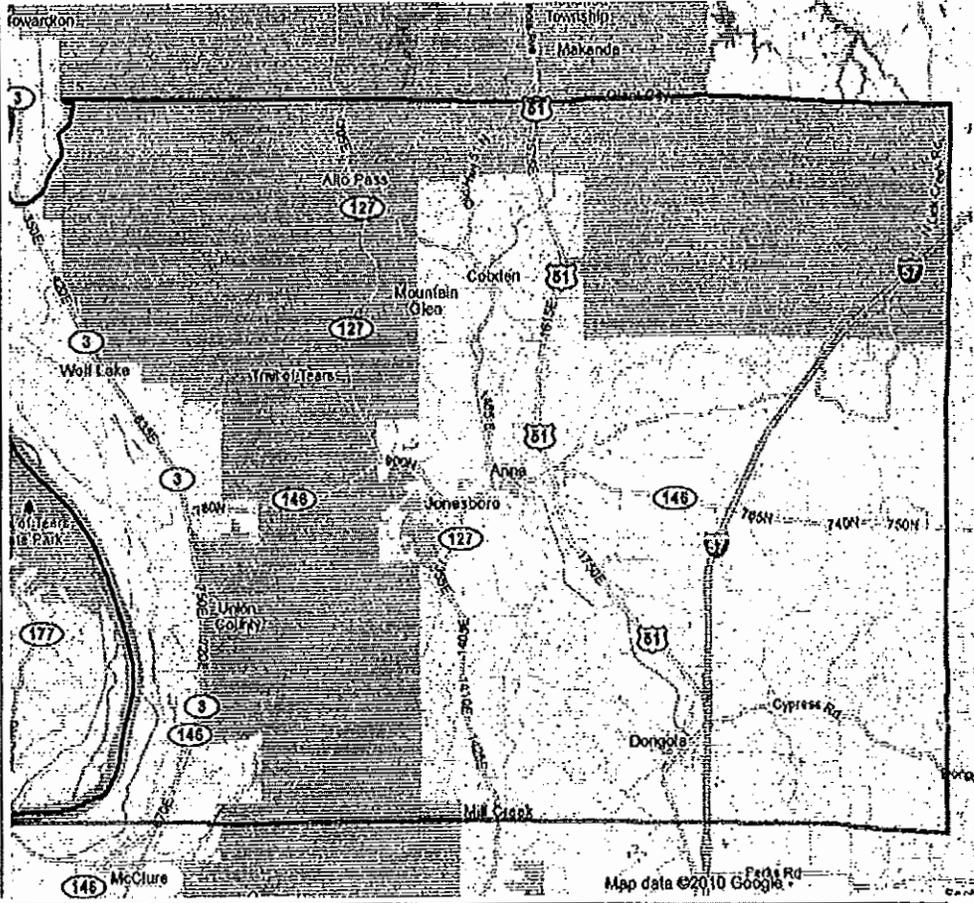
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