

MOTION NO. _____

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1 A MOTION instructing the County Executive
2 to place an immediate freeze on the hiring
3 of any new county employees, through the
4 remainder of 1974, except as stated.

5 WHEREAS, County revenues have been severely reduced by state
6 legislative action restricting the County's traditional taxing
7 authority, such as Chapter 288, Laws of 1971, 1st Ex. Session
8 which precludes property tax revenues from following the gen-
9 eral rise in property values, and such as Chapter 195, Laws of
10 1973, 1st Ex. Session which effectively reduces the levy of
11 the County by ten percent, and

12 WHEREAS, the present energy crisis has substantially reduced
13 gasoline tax revenues which impact the local matching funds for
14 federally and state-assisted capital projects, and

15 WHEREAS, the periodic reduction of interest rates antici-
16 pated throughout the remainder of 1974 will reduce County income
17 earned from investments, and

18 WHEREAS, the growth of revenue is not increasing at any rate
19 approaching that of expenditures, and

20 WHEREAS, the general rate of growth of inflation is in
21 excess of ten percent per year and is severely impacting 1974
22 budget schedules particularly in County purchases of paper,
23 gasoline, equipment and other supplies, and

24 WHEREAS, current labor contract settlements across the
25 country foretell impending major demands for cost-of-living
26 increases for County employees, and

27 WHEREAS, the legislature in its April session will properly
28 and justifiably address itself to the question of mandating
29 unemployment insurance coverage for county employees with an
30 immediate impact upon county revenues at least equal to one
31 and one-half percent of total county payroll, and

32 WHEREAS, all of the aforementioned factors combined could
33 ultimately result in significant layoffs of county employees
to balance county expenditures against waning revenues unless
preventive measures are employed at once, and

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