## RESOLUTION

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of School Directors (the "Board") of the Southern Columbia Area School District (the "School District") as follows:

1. The School District's Administration is hereby authorized and directed to request the election officials of Columbia County to place a referendum question on the May 20, 2014, primary election ballot. The referendum question shall be in substantially the following form, with additions or changes (other than the tax rate) as determined by the Board President and election officials prior to the election:

Do you favor the Southern Columbia Area School District increasing the rate of its tax on real property by 5.40 mills more than the Act 1 2014-2015 Index, which is 2.7%, plus any Act 1 exceptions approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education? This equates to a \$173.12 tax for a property assessed at the average assessment of \$32,060.00. The revenue generated from this increased tax rate will be used to help balance the District's budget for 2014-2015.

2. The School District's Administration is hereby authorized and directed to request the election officials for Northumberland County to place a referendum question on the May 20, 2014, primary election ballot. The referendum question shall be in substantially the following form, with additions or changes (other than the tax rate) as determined by the Board President and election officials prior to the election:

Do you favor the Southern Columbia Area School District increasing the rate of its tax on real property by 4.46 mills more than the Act 1 2014-2015 Index, which is 2.7%, plus any Act 1 exceptions approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education? This equates to a \$106.04 tax for a property assessed at the average assessment of \$23,775.00. The revenue generated from this increased tax rate will be used to help balance the District's budget for 2014-2015.

- 3. The School District Administration, in consultation with the Board, shall prepare and present to election officials a non-legal interpretive statement that shall accompany the referendum questions in accordance with the Pennsylvania Election Code.
- 4. School District officials shall take any and all action necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

**ADOPTED** this <u>17th</u> day of March, 2014.