

Multistate Tax Commission



Resolution No. 01-10

Resolution Supporting the Proposals and Work of the Streamlined Sales Tax Project

WHEREAS, forty-five States and the District of Columbia impose a sales and use tax; and

WHEREAS, there is a clear need for simplification of State and local sales tax administration and greater uniformity among States in the administration of the sales and use tax; and

WHEREAS, simplification of the sales and use tax will reduce the burden imposed on those now collecting the tax, improve State tax administration, and facilitate interstate commerce and

WHEREAS, more than 40 States are now involved in the Streamlined Sales Tax Project that has as its goal the development of a radically simplified sales and use tax administration system; and

WHEREAS, the Streamlined Sales Tax Project has developed its operating rules, established its leadership, and begun in earnest the task of simplification; and

WHEREAS, the Streamlined Sales Tax Project has adopted as a part of its Uniform Sales and Use Tax Administration Act and Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement a set of principles and proposals for simplifying the sales and use tax that are consistent with principles supported by the Multistate Tax Commission, including:

- State level administration of sales and use tax collections;
- Uniformity in the State and local tax bases;
- A central, electronic registration system;
- Simplification of State and local tax rates;
- Uniform sourcing rules for all taxable transactions;
- Simplified administration of exemptions;
- Simplified tax returns and remittances;
- Protections of consumer privacy;

and

WHEREAS, 18 States have passed new laws implementing critical portions of the Streamlined Sales Tax Project, and legislation is moving through another 11 States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Multistate Tax Commission recognizes the value of the Streamlined Sales Tax Project to individual State tax systems and to the State sales and use tax structure that must operate in our national and international economy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Multistate Tax Commission commends those States working on the project for their efforts, and encourages others to consider active participation in the project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Multistate Tax Commission encourages States to enact legislation implementing the recommendations made in the Streamlined Sales Tax Project's proposed act and agreement.

Adopted this 27th day of July, 2001 by the Multistate Tax Commission.

Dan R. Bucks, Executive Director

This resolution shall expire at the end of the Annual Business Meeting of the Multistate Tax Commission in 2006.