RESOLUTION 88-1

TO EXPRESS THE COMMON COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR NEW STATE LEGISLATION ENTITLED "HOMETOWN INDIANA GRANT PROGRAM."

WHEREAS, The Bloomington Common Council recognizes the importance of outdoor recreation, historic preservation, and community forestry in the promotion of tourism, economic development, and the quality of life in the city of Bloomington; and

WHEREAS, the health, educational and cultural benefits which accrue to our citizenry as a result of park, recreation, open space, historic facilities and sites, street trees and landscaping are essential to our community's vitality and future growth; and

WHEREAS, federal support programs, such as the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Urban Park and Recreation Recovery program, Historic Preservation Rehabilitation Grant Program, and Urban Forestry Grant Program, which have encouraged local government to provide facilities and resources for these valued services, have virtually been eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the loss of these specific federal programs, alongside the decline of Federal Revenue Sharing and Community Development Block Grant funds, has created a serious burden on local units of government to provide even the most basic services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

1. The Common Council expresses wholehearted support for the proposed new state legislation titled the "Hometown Indiana Grant Program," which supports Indiana communities and counties through the provision of a matching fund program for the acquisition, development, and renovation of public parks and recreation facilities, the preservation of historic sites and structures, and community forestry planning, planting and education projects.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington upon this 20 day of January, 1988,

Pam Sermon
President, Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED AND APPROVED by me upon this 22 day of January, 1988

Tomilea Allison
Tomilea Allison, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams
Patricia Williams, City Clerk

SYNOPSIS

This resolution expresses the Council's support for legislation before the General Assembly which would provide a matching fund program for acquisition and development of park, recreation, open space, preservation of historic areas, and community forestry projects.

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