Passed: 9-0

RESOLUTION 94-50

SUPPORTING STATE AND FEDERAL MEASURES TO PROHIBIT THE MANDATING OF PROGRAMS WITHOUT PROVIDING A MEANS FOR FUNDING THEM

WHEREAS, local governments in Indiana operate under strict controls on local taxes; and

WHEREAS, these strict controls include a limit on local tax increases, which since 1973 has severely constrained the ability of local governments to discharge their required functions effectively; and

WHEREAS, recent unfunded state and federal mandates have aggravated the already serious funding problems for local governments in Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) acknowledged this problem in their Policy Resolution 4 for 1994, which urges Congress and the general assembly to enact legislation or initiate constitutional amendments which prohibit the enforcement of mandates without funding; and

WHEREAS, Senators Kempthorne and Glenn and Representatives Conyers and Towns, have sponsored mandate relief legislation, the Federal Mandate Accountability and Reform Act (S. 993/H.R. 4771); and

WHEREAS, this legislation is endorsed by the National League of Cities and all other organizations representing state and local governments;

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

The Common Council supports the Federal Mandate Accountability and Reform Act (S. 993/H.R. 4771) and other measures by the General Assembly and the United States Congress to prohibit the enforcement of mandates without funding. In addition, we support the public education campaign of the National League of Cities and will assist them by keeping the citizens of Bloomington informed about the impact of federal mandates on our government and on them as taxpayers. We recognize October 24-30 as National Unfunded Mandates Week. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to appropriate state and federal officials and representatives.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 19 day of October, 1994.

Jim Sherman

JIM SHERMAN, President
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 21 day of October, 1994.

Tomilea Allison

Tomilea Allison, Mayor
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution, sponsored by Jim Sherman, urges support for legislation or constitutional amendments which would prohibit enforcement of state and federal funding mandates which are not accompanied with a means to pay for them.

Copies to:
State Legislators
Federal Legislators
IACT