Passed 6-0-1 (Sabbagh present)

Young, Sherman absent

RESOLUTION 97-27

SUPPORTING BAN ON LANDMINE

WHEREAS, an estimated 100 million landmines laid in more than 60 countries kill and maim over a thousand people, mostly innocent civilians - men, women, and children - every month; and

WHEREAS, the presence of residual landmines severely damages the economies of these countries by making large tracts of land dangerous to farm, by leading to subsequent overworking and depletion of unmined land, by restricting livestock's access to water, by burdening these countries with heavy costs for medical care to landmine victims and expensive and dangerous programs for landmine removal, and by critically restricting the movement of refugees and the delivery of relief supplies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington, Indiana, is currently home to many citizens of countries whose people, economies, and future potentials are endangered by landmines; and

WHEREAS, citizens in a democratic society have a responsibility to speak out on the morality and economic and social impact of actions and policies taken by their government leaders;

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

The President and Congress of the United States join the many nations, organizations, and individuals worldwide in supporting a ban on the manufacture, use, sale, and stockpiling of landmines.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 5th day of November, 1997.

Anthony Pizzo

ANTHONY PIZZO, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor on this 6th day of November, 1997.

Patricia Williams

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 6 day of November, 1997.

John Fernandez

JOHN FERNANDEZ, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution, sponsored by Councilmember Pizzo, urges the President and U.S. Congress to support a worldwide ban on landmines.