

Resolution Opposing Federal Unfunded Mandates

Whereas, unfunded mandates on state and local governments have increased significantly in recent years;

Whereas, federal mandates require cities and villages to perform duties without consideration of local circumstances, costs, or capacity, and subject municipalities to civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance;

Whereas, federal mandates require compliance regardless of other pressing local needs and priorities affecting the health, welfare, and safety of municipal citizens;

Whereas, excessive federal burdens on local governments force some combination of higher local taxes and fees and/or reduced local services on citizens and local taxpayers;

Whereas, federal mandates are too often inflexible, one-size-fits-all requirements that impose unrealistic time frames and specify procedures or facilities where less costly alternatives might be just as effective;

Whereas, existing mandates impose harsh pressures on local budgets and the federal government has imposed a freeze upon funding to help compensate for any new mandates;

Whereas, the cumulative impact of these legislative and regulatory actions directly affect the citizens of our cities and villages; and

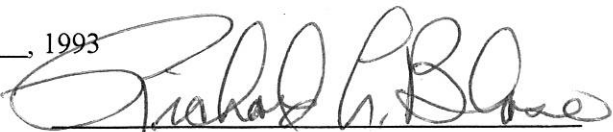
Whereas, the National League of Cities and the League of Nebraska Municipalities, in conjunction with other state and local government representatives, have begun a national public education campaign to help citizens understand and then reduce the burden and inflexibility of unfunded mandates, beginning with a National Unfunded Mandates Day on October 27, 1993;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City/Village of Gothenburg endorses the efforts of the National League of Cities and the League of Nebraska Municipalities and supports working with NLC and LNM to fully inform our citizens about the impact of federal mandates on our government and the pocket-books of our citizens;

Be it further resolved that the City/Village of Gothenburg endorses organizing and participating in events to begin this process on October 27th; and finally

Be it resolved that the City/Village of Gothenburg resolves to redouble efforts to inform and work with members of our Congressional delegation and others to further inform them about the impact of federal mandates and actions necessary to reduce their burden on our citizens.

Adopted this 19th day of October, 1993


Mayor/Chairperson

Attest: Connie Stull
Clerk