

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03-014R

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, the current budget stalemate is harming the people of Illinois and threatens the future of this state; and

WHEREAS, the failure to fund higher education will undermine not only the students and staff of our public institutions of higher learning but will undermine the economy of the state and devastate many communities in which the University or Community College is the major employer; and

WHEREAS, the movement for creating land grant universities in the United States originated in 19th century Illinois with Jonathan Baldwin Turner who successfully lobbied the Illinois legislature to support the concept and to ask our Congressional delegation push the concept in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, the law establishing land grant universities was signed by President Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Illinois and the United States and the entire world have benefitted from the education and research of these universities; and

WHEREAS, in the 20th century the movement to create community colleges in the United States has benefitted our nation tremendously; and

WHEREAS, the failure to adequately fund our universities and community colleges in the 21st century would be a terrible mistake for the present and future of Illinois;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

1. We request that the Illinois legislature carefully consider the costs and benefits of higher education in Illinois, and

2. Devise a revenue system to maintain the necessary investment in higher education in Illinois before any further damage is incurred.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of _____, _____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

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