

RESOLUTION NO. 7879-R36

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE
AND OTHER STATE PAY HIKES

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Illinois have granted themselves a pay hike of \$8,000 amounting to a 40% raise in salary in addition to a raise in mileage reimbursements and the per diem expenses allowed to state officials; and

WHEREAS, they have also granted sizable raises to other state officials including an \$8,000 increase in the salary of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, in an advisory referendum on November 7, 1978, the people of the State of Illinois overwhelmingly approved the idea of a limit to government spending and taxation and most lawmakers running for election promised to hold the line against any unnecessary public spending; and

WHEREAS, local governmental units have been making an effort to hold down government spending even under the burden of state mandated programs; and

WHEREAS, teachers and public employees at the state and local level have accepted raises below the escalating cost of living as their part in fighting inflation; and

WHEREAS, these legislative pay raises are far beyond President Carter's anti-inflation goal of 7% pay hikes; and

WHEREAS, these pay hikes set a poor example for the people of the State of Illinois and to the rest of the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows: These legislative and other state pay hikes are not in the best interests of the citizens of Urbana or the taxpayers of Illinois. We urge the state legislature to repeal or roll back these excessive raises in order to encourage financial responsibility and to set a proper example for Illinois citizens. We further urge the Governor to use his influence to support this repeal or roll back and to participate in no activity designed to support these higher salaries.

PASSED by the City Council this 18th day of December

1978.

Beverly Umbarger
Beverly Umbarger, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 20th day of December

1978.

Jeffrey T. Markland
Jeffrey T. Markland, Mayor

