

RESOLUTION NO. 8586-R28

A RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING A CHANGE IN THE AMTRAK SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Urbana, Illinois, have heretofore used the services of Amtrak trains as major means of transportation to the City of Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, train service to the City of Chicago provided by the northbound Illini train, which previously left the City of Champaign at 7:00 a.m., has been eliminated as a result of a federal budget cut in the nationwide passenger rail system; and

WHEREAS, train service to the City of Chicago, Illinois, is now only provided by the northbound City of New Orleans train which leaves the City of Champaign, Illinois, at 8:00 a.m. but does not arrive into Chicago until 10:45 a.m., a time too late in the day to realistically serve the business needs of the communities of Urbana and Champaign, Illinois.

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

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, hereby expresses its strong support for a change in the schedule of the northbound City of New Orleans train by an hour so that such train would leave the City of Champaign, Illinois, at 7:00 a.m. in order to realistically serve the business needs of the communities of Urbana and Champaign.

Section 2. That the City Clerk of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Graham Clayton, Jr., President of Amtrak, and Craig Williams, Chief of the Rail Passenger Program for the Illinois Department of Transportation, as an expression of public community support for altering the schedule of the northbound City of New Orleans train so that said train would leave the City of Champaign at 7:00 a.m.

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PASSED by the City Council this 21st day of April

Ruth S. Brookens
Deborah K. Koeppe
Ruth S. Brookens, City Clerk
Deputy Clerk

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APPROVED by the Mayor this 28th day of April

Jeffrey T. Markland
Jeffrey T. Markland, Mayor