

RESOLUTION NO. 9394-R12

A RESOLUTION REGARDING UNFUNDED MANDATES

WHEREAS, for many years and increasingly so over the past several years, the U.S. Congress and the Illinois General Assembly have passed volumes of legislation creating hundreds of costly regulations which must be satisfied by local government; and

WHEREAS, the costs of implementing the regulations imposed by these legislative mandates have not been assumed by the federal or state governments but have been passed on to local governments to bear; and

WHEREAS, the practice of the National and State governments of imposing, but not funding, costly mandates on local governments, coupled with the dramatic cuts in federal urban aid and state aid over the past decade, have added significantly to the already serious financial problems of local governments; and

WHEREAS, the practice of issuing mandates without regard to the costs, offends the fundamental principles of federalism: a partnership of shared responsibility and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the current practice of imposing, but not funding, federal and state mandates reflects neither shared responsibility nor shared accountability and illustrates how far the National and State governments have departed from the principles upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, the nation's mayors have called on the U.S. Government and State of Illinois to oppose any regulation, policy proposal or legislative bill which mandates programs and responsibilities on local governments without full federal and state funding; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities and other concerned national organizations have named October 27, 1993 National Unfunded Mandates Day, a day on which government leaders at all levels will alert their citizens to the financial burdens being imposed on them by unfunded mandates.

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

Section 1. That the City of urbana, Illinois hereby endorses the efforts of the National League of Cities and supports working with the National League of Cities to fully inform our citizens about the impact of federal and state mandates on the pocketbooks of our citizens.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby endorses assisting in the organization of and participation in events to begin this process of education beginning on October 27, 1993.

Section 3. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to all members of Congress from the State of Illinois and local members of the General Assembly from the State of Illinois.

PASSED by the City Council this 18th day of October, 1993.


Phyllis D. Clark
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 21st day of October, 1993.

Tod Satterthwaite
Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor