

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS RELATING TO FEDERAL UNFUNDED MANDATES.**

**WHEREAS**, federal unfunded mandates on city governments have increased significantly in recent years; and

**WHEREAS**, federal mandates require cities to perform duties without consideration of local circumstances or capacity; and

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

**WHEREAS**, excessive federal burdens on cities force on citizens and taxpayers either higher local taxes and fees, reduced local services, or both; and

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

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, the cumulative impact of these legislative and regulatory actions directly affects the citizens of our cities; and

**WHEREAS**, the National League of Cities (NLC), in conjunction with other state and local government representatives and state municipal leagues, including the Texas Municipal League (TML), has 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 of Abilene, Texas endorses the efforts of the National League of Cities and the Texas Municipal League and supports working with NLC and TML to fully inform our citizens about the impact of federal mandates on our city finances and the pocketbooks of our citizens; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Abilene, Texas endorses the events that will begin this process on October 27th; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Abilene, Texas resolves to redouble efforts to inform and work with members of our Congressional delegation to inform them about the impact of federal mandates and actions necessary to reduce their burdens on our citizens.

**ADOPTED** this 14th day of October, 1993.

**TEST:**

  
CITY SECRETARY

  
MAYOR

**APPROVED:**

  
CITY ATTORNEY