

RESOLUTION NO. 91-6

CITY OF LAKE ELMO  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION OPPOSING FURTHER CUTS IN STATE AID TO CITIES

WHEREAS, Lake Elmo delivers to its residents essential services such as police and fire protection, snow plowing and street construction and maintenance, and

WHEREAS, cities have differing service needs and differing capacity to raise necessary revenues locally,

WHEREAS, if property taxes increased as a result of aid cuts, the tax rate disparities between some neighboring cities and between cities and adjoining townships would widen causing great taxing inequities. The state has a responsibility to ensure a reasonable level of equity in its tax system; and

WHEREAS, the legislature required cities in Minnesota to cut their budgets by three percent in 1990, and

WHEREAS, cities are not the cause of the current budget crisis, and cities like Lake Elmo have proven to be frugal spenders; and


WHEREAS, while state spending on higher education, welfare, and state agencies has increased significantly, LGA and property tax relief funding have become smaller portions of state spending.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of Lake Elmo, Minnesota that state aid to cities be maintained at current levels;

FURTHERMORE, be it resolved that further cuts in the property tax relief program or tightening of levy limits for Payable 1991-1993 will force the City of Lake Elmo to raise property taxes and seriously affect our ability to provide vital services to our citizens;

FURTHERMORE, be it resolved that our members of the state legislature be instructed to oppose cuts in state aid to cities, tightening of levy limits, or reductions based on fund balances.

This resolution is hereby passed and approved this 5th day of February, 1991.

  
David Johnson, Mayor

  
Mary Kueffner, City Administrator