

CITY OF LAKE ELMO  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION 93- 82

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING UNFUNDED MANDATES**

**WHEREAS**, unfunded mandates on local government have increased significantly in recent years;

**WHEREAS**, federal and state mandates do not consider local circumstances, costs, or capacity, and subject cities to civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance;

**WHEREAS**, federal and state burdens on local governments force cities to impose a combination of higher local taxes and fees on local taxpayers and/or reduce local services to citizens;

**WHEREAS**, federal and state mandates are often inflexible, "one-size-fits-all" requirements with unrealistic time frames and overlay specific and inflexible procedures where less costly alternatives may be just as effective;

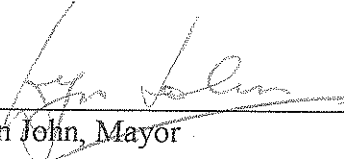
**WHEREAS**, the cumulative impact of these laws and rules directly affect the citizens of our cities; and

**WHEREAS**, the League of Minnesota Cities, in collaboration with the National League of Cities, seeks to help citizens understand and then help encourage lawmakers to reduce the burden and inflexibility of unfunded mandates, beginning with a National Unfunded Mandates Day on October 27, 1993;

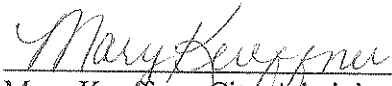
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Lake Elmo endorses the league's efforts and those of the National League of Cities and will fully inform our citizens about the impact of state and federal mandates on our local spending and taxes;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Lake Elmo endorses this year of mandate awareness, beginning on October 27 by informing and working with members of our Congressional delegation and our state legislators to educate them about the impact of federal and state mandates and the actions necessary to reduce these burdens on our citizens.

Adopted by the Lake Elmo City Council this 7th day of December, 1993.

  
Wyn John, Mayor

Attest:

  
Mary Kueffner, City Administrator

Motion made by John  
Seconded by Mottaz

Ayes 5  
Nays 0