

**City of Lake Elmo
Washington County, Minnesota**

RESOLUTION NO. 97-8

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT THAT THE CITY OF LAKE ELMO NOT BE FURTHER DIVIDED BY CHANGES IN BOUNDARIES OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS AND REQUESTING PROTECTION FROM FUTURE DIVISION OF THE COMMUNITY BY SUCH CHANGES.

WHEREAS, the proposed boundary changes were made with very limited future growth projections and no consideration of junior high and senior high attendance areas or likely additional changes in the future.

WHEREAS, the proposed boundary changes for School District #834 will displace and divide the City and community of Lake Elmo by separating many residents from Lake Elmo Elementary School.

WHEREAS, the proposed change would funnel residents into Stillwater Township to drop-off and pick-up children for daycare and daily school activities, thereby reducing/eliminating patronage and involvement in Lake Elmo's downtown area.

WHEREAS, the majority of Lake Elmo school attendance area property owners were not notified of the proposed change which may impact real estate values.

WHEREAS, the proposal transports many more children across Highway 36 thereby creating a potential forty minutes bus ride for Lake Elmo children and numerous safety concerns.

WHEREAS, Lake Elmo Elementary School has been termed "a relief valve" for surrounding area growth. The proposal shifts children from a stable and mature residential area away from their nearby elementary school.

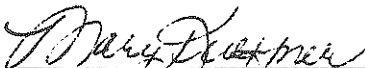
THEREFORE, The City of Lake Elmo supports the concept, that whenever possible and reasonable, Lake Elmo public school children attend schools in Lake Elmo. This would strengthen the City-based community; would enhance City business activity; City Park activity; and help to unite physically separated City neighborhoods.

ADOPTED, by the City Council this 18th day of March, 1997.



Lee Hunt, Acting Mayor

ATTEST:



Mary Kueffner, City Administrator