

RESOLUTION 12-93

WHEREAS, the number of unfunded federal mandates on local governments have significantly increased during the last decade, while many federal programs, which were made available to local governments to ease the burden of carrying out federal mandates, have been terminated or drastically reduced; and

WHEREAS, such mandates stem from federal laws and regulations that require local governments to provide services and programs, and perform certain responsibilities without providing federal funding for such services; and

WHEREAS, by shifting costs to local governments, unfunded federal mandates breach the underlying principles of federalism which assumes a working partnership and shared responsibilities between the federal, state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, American citizens are unaware of the impact of unfunded mandates on local services and their own local taxes; and

WHEREAS, risk assessment is an essential component to any cost-benefit analysis of mandates and should be included in all bills that impose mandates on local government:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE VILLAGE OF SPENCER urges Congress and the Administration to enact legislation that would relieve local governments of all obligations to carry out any new mandate arising from federal law, regulation or policy unless federal funds are provided; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress and the Administration are urged to enact legislation to reimburse local governments for the costs of complying with existing federal mandates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress and the Administration are urged to include in any future mandate, a provision that requires federal departments and agencies to provide scientifically sound assessments of purported health, safety or environmental risk prior to the imposition of any new mandate on local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Spencer supports a "National Unfunded Mandates Day" to be held October 27, 1993, during which all of Ohio's local officials will be urged to work in coordination with local and state officials to draw public attention to the problems imposed on local governments by unfunded federal mandates.

PASSED: October 27, 1993

ATTEST:

Robin M. Coleman  
Robin M. Coleman, Clerk

Gene Clifford  
Gene Clifford, Mayor