



**BLUE EARTH COUNTY**  
**Blue Earth County Board**

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, on behalf of the taxpayers of Blue Earth County, the Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners continually seeks ways to keep the cost of county government as low as possible; and

WHEREAS, the cost of Blue Earth County government is significantly affected by mandates from the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Legislature in 2005 passed legislation which allows local governments to file resolutions with the state auditor which either object to specific state mandates or make recommendations for reforming specific state mandates; and

WHEREAS, the state auditor has encouraged local governments to submit mandate reform proposals to her office and has expressed a willingness to partner with local governments to achieve those reforms; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners hereby submits to the state auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the attached (Exhibit 1) list of mandates along with statutory citations and comments as candidates for repeal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners requests that the state auditor take any measure available to aid in the repeal of these mandates.

RESOLVED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2006

Signed

Attest

Katy Wortel  
Chairperson  
Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners

Dennis McCoy  
County Administrator  
Blue Earth County

Continued health insurance for disabled peace officers.	299A.460	Employers are required to pay the employer's share of disabled peace officers' and their dependents' health insurance until the peace officer reaches age 65, even if the officer gains other employment and health insurance coverage. Since this benefit was created in the late 1990's, there has been a surge in disability retirements. In part because of this, both employer and employee contribution rates to the PERA Police and Fire Pension Plan are increasing over 50 percent. When this benefit was originally enacted, it was predicated on the State paying 100-percent of its cost. The State has not kept its part of that bargain for several years. If the State cannot meet that obligation, the mandated payment by the employer should be eliminated.
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