



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

Library maintenance of effort.	134.34	Eliminate the requirement that in order to receive state funds the county must budget for library operations in an amount equal to the second prior year's level of support unless the adjusted net tax capacity decreases. Counties need the ability to respond to changes in priorities and needs without placing one area of the budget off limits to reductions. When this occurs, other programs or services and their recipients unfairly bear a disproportionately greater share of any cut-backs when they occur.
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