WHEREAS, a provision was included in the State Government Finance bill House File 1481 (Article 2, Section 3) and is as follows:

"A county, town, school district, or statutory or home rule charter city may file a written resolution with the State Auditor objecting to a state mandate or making recommendations for reforming a state mandate. The State Auditor must list on the State Auditor's web site a list of all state mandates cited in a resolution under this section, and the name of the unit of the local government citing the mandate", and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 471.9981 requires all counties to conduct pay equity studies and report the results to the Commissioner of Employee Relations, and

WHEREAS, Pine County supports the requirement for local governments to maintain a pay equity system,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Pine County supports the elimination of local government reporting to the Department of Employee Relations (DOER) and the requirement of obtaining DOER approval of the results.

March 21, 2006- Regularly scheduled County Board of Commissioners Meeting.
Motion by Commissioner Nelson to approve and adopt Resolutions in support of State mandates on Counties which should be rescinded or modified, and to request that the State Auditor post said Resolutions for the State Legislature to consider being rescinded or modifying as authorized under State legislation. Second by Commissioner Anderson, motion carried.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF PINE)

I, John G. Stieben, County Coordinator of Pine County, Minnesota, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of resolution of the County Board of said County with the original record thereof in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board at a meeting duly held 21st day of March, 2006, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and that said resolution was duly adopted by said Board at said meeting.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of March, 2006.

John G. Stieben, County Coordinator
Pine County, Minnesota