

RESOLUTION 2006 –

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute §6.79 allows governments to submit to the State Auditor proposed reforms to state mandates; and; and

WHEREAS mandate proposals will be listed on the State Auditor's website along with the name of the local government submitting the proposal; and

WHEREAS the Winona County Board of Commissioners supports the concept of mandate reform and urges the Minnesota Legislature to give serious consideration to all proposals made by Cities, Townships, and Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Winona County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following mandate proposals and directs the County Administrator to submit this listing to the State Auditor:

Mandate	Statutory Citation	Comments
Remove Minnesota Care Tax on County Public Health Fees	295.50 sub 1 to 295.50 sub 15	Local public health fees are not listed as "exempt" for providing low cost public health services to clients. Due to other statutes, refusal for services is not an option, thus any payment to the fee is accepted. County property taxes are required to cover the lost fees, thus paying the MinnesotaCare provider tax amounts to "double taxation" at the local level. Since not all of the public health services fit the definition of "home health services", having a specific exemption, as other community-based services would eliminate this mandate on public health fees.

Adopted at Winona, Minnesota, this 7th day of February 2006.

WINONA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Dwayne A. Voegeli, Chair

Attest:

Robert F. Reinert
Clerk/County Administrator