

RESOLUTION NO. 90-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD URGING IT'S CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE (3) ON THE NOVEMBER, 1990 BALLOT LIMITING UNFUNDED STATE MANDATES ON CITIES AND COUNTIES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD:

WHEREAS, since 1981, the Florida Legislature has placed over 330 unfunded mandates upon cities and counties in Florida with over 86 percent of them having an undetermined fiscal impact on the cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, "unfunded mandates" are governmental actions required of cities and counties by state law without adequate funding resources; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties are continuously forced to adjust local service priorities, raise local taxes and user fees to pay for such unfunded state mandated programs; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties are forced to pass these increased costs of delivery of state mandated programs on to the citizens; and

WHEREAS, there can be no certainty and predictability in the growth planning process if the state can continue to mandate new and expensive programs without regard to adequate funding; and

WHEREAS, the priorities and programs of local cities and counties have often been curtailed when limited local funds have to be diverted to pay for a state mandated program; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution "preempts" all taxing powers to the state (other than local property taxes) and the state has been unwilling to allow sufficient local discretionary taxing powers directly to municipalities and has refused to adjust unfair and antiquated formula allocations of revenue-sharing programs; and

WHEREAS, unfunded mandates are not fair to the local property owner or the locally elected official who is trying to address local priorities and problems with a limited amount of financial resources; and

WHEREAS, during the 1988 Legislative Session nearly 100 members of the Legislature cosigned or supported a proposed constitutional amendment to limit the Legislature's ability to mandate programs and costs to city and county governments; and

WHEREAS, during the 1989 Legislative Session a proposed amendment to the constitution was passed to give Florida citizens an opportunity to vote in 1990 on a proposal that would limit unfunded state legislative mandates on cities and counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the City of Springfield, Florida as follows:

1. That the City of Springfield calls upon all of its citizens to oppose unfunded state mandates, to become aware of the seriousness of unfunded mandates and to be prepared to support the amendment to the Florida Constitution on this matter that will appear on the ballot in November, 1990.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Bay County Board of Commissioners and the cities that are members of the Florida League of Cities and each body is requested to adopt similar resolutions and positions so their views may be available to every citizen in Florida.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Springfield, Florida on this 6 day of August 1990.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

Van Miller  
VON MILLS, Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
City Clerk