

RESOLUTION 186

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PAYETTE, PAYETTE COUNTY, IDAHO, DECLARING OCTOBER 24-30, 1994 AS NATIONAL UNFUNDED FEDERAL MANDATES WEEK.

WHEREAS, unfunded federal mandates on state and local governments have increased significantly in recent years;

WHEREAS, federal mandates require cities and towns to perform duties without consideration of local circumstances, costs, or capacity, and subject municipalities to civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance;

WHEREAS, federal mandates require compliance regardless of other pressing local needs and priorities affecting the health, welfare, and safety of municipal citizens;

WHEREAS, excessive federal burdens on local governments force some combination of higher local taxes and fees and/or reduced local services on citizens and local taxpayers;

WHEREAS, federal mandates are too often inflexible, one-size-fits-all requirements that impose unrealistic time frames and specify procedures or facilities where less costly alternatives might be just as effective;

WHEREAS, existing mandates impose harsh pressures on local budgets and the federal government has imposed a freeze upon funding to help compensate for any new mandates;

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of these legislative and regulatory actions directly affect the citizens of our cities and towns, and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities, following up on last year's successful effort, is continuing its national public education campaign to help citizens understand and then reduce the burden and inflexibility of unfunded mandates, including a Nation Unfunded Mandates Week, October 24-30, 1994;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Payette endorses the efforts of the National League of Cities and supports working with NLC to fully inform our citizens about the impact of the federal mandates on our government and the pocketbooks of our citizens;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Payette resolves to continue our efforts to work with members of our Congressional delegation to educate them about the impact of federal mandates and actions necessary to reduce their burden on our citizens.

Passed and adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Payette, Idaho, this 17th day of October, 1994.

ATTEST:

John P. Franks  
John P. Franks, City Clerk

James E. McCue  
James E. McCue, Mayor