

## RESOLUTION NO. 21-93

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, JOINING WITH THE CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AND OTHER CONCERNED NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN DESIGNATING OCTOBER 27, 1993 AS NATIONAL UNFUNDED MANDATES DAY.

WHEREAS, over the past several years, the U.S. Congress has passed legislation creating hundreds of costly regulations which must be satisfied by local governments; and

WHEREAS, the costs of implementing the regulations imposed have not been assumed by the federal government and instead have been passed on to local governments; and

WHEREAS, Washington's practice of imposing, but not funding, costly mandates on local governments, coupled with the dramatic cuts in federal urban aid over the past decade, is now adding significantly to the already serious financial problems of these governments; and

WHEREAS, the underlying foundation of federalism in this nation is a working partnership among the federal, state and local levels of government, a partnership of shared responsibility and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the current practice of imposing, but not funding, federal mandates reflects neither shared responsibility nor shared accountability and acknowledges that our national legislature can dictate how local government revenues will be spent; and

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors and other concerned national organizations have designated October 27th, 1993, National Unfunded Mandates Day, a day on which government leaders at all levels will alert their citizens to the financial burden being imposed on them by unfunded mandates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

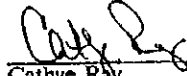
**SECTION 1.** That the City Council of the City of Mesquite designates October 27, 1993 as National Unfunded Mandates Day and joins cities throughout the nation in a national public education campaign to increase the understanding of the local impact of unfunded federal mandates.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Council of the City of Mesquite will work with the United States Conference of Mayors and other national organizations on the passage of legislation that will require reimbursement of local governments for the costs of complying with federal mandates.

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DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 18th day of October, 1993.




Cathye Ray  
Mayor

ATTEST:



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City Secretary

APPROVED:



B.J. Smith  
City Attorney