



BLUE EARTH COUNTY
Blue Earth County Board

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on behalf of the taxpayers of Blue Earth County, the Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners continually seeks ways to keep the cost of county government as low as possible; and

WHEREAS, the cost of Blue Earth County government is significantly affected by mandates from the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Legislature in 2005 passed legislation which allows local governments to file resolutions with the state auditor which either object to specific state mandates or make recommendations for reforming specific state mandates; and

WHEREAS, the state auditor has encouraged local governments to submit mandate reform proposals to her office and has expressed a willingness to partner with local governments to achieve those reforms; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners hereby submits to the state auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the attached (Exhibit 1) list of mandates along with statutory citations and comments as candidates for repeal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners requests that the state auditor take any measure available to aid in the repeal of these mandates.

RESOLVED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2006

Signed

Attest

Katy Wortel
Chairperson
Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners

Dennis McCoy
County Administrator
Blue Earth County

<p>Eliminate county's share for Medical Assistance costs for under 65 disabled placed in nursing homes more than 90 days and for certain ICF/MR and IMD placements.</p>	<p>256B.19</p>	<p>Currently the State requires counties to pay the indicated portion of the non-federal share of Medical Assistance costs for stays in excess of 90 days in the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 percent for individuals placed in Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR's) of seven beds or more; • 20 percent for individuals placed in Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD); • 20 percent of the cost of care for under 65 disabled individuals placed in nursing homes. <p>The State reneged on its commitment to pay these costs when counties surrendered homestead and agricultural credit aid (HACA) on a dollar-for-dollar basis for the state takeover of all income maintenance programs in the early 1990's. The cost shifts to county property taxes enacted in 2003 should be reversed now that state finances have improved.</p>
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