

# MEEKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## MEEKER COUNTY RESOLUTION STATE MANDATE REFORM PROPOSAL Resolution #2006- 14

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

**WHEREAS**, the cost of Meeker 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 Meeker 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 Meeker County Board of Commissioners requests that the state auditor take any measure available to aid in the repeal of these mandates

Adopted March 7, 2006

By:

Theresa C. Wagner  
Meeker County Board Chair

Attest:

Barbara Loch  
Barbara Loch, County Auditor

STATE OF MINNESOTA

MEEKER COUNTY

I, Barbara Loch, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the minutes of all proceedings had and held by the Board of Commissioners of said Meeker County, that I have compared the above resolution with the original passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of said Meeker County at a regular meeting thereof held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., that the above constitutes a true and correct copy thereof, that the same has not been amended or rescinded and is in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and signature this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2006, and have hereunto affixed the seal of the County.

Barbara Loch  
County Auditor/Board Clerk

(SEAL)

<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 placement</p>	<p>M.S. §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"> <li>• 10 percent for individuals placed in Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MRs) of seven beds or more;</li> <li>• 20 percent for individuals placed in Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD);</li> <li>• 20 percent of the cost for care for under-65 disabled individuals placed in nursing homes</li> </ul> <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 take-over of all 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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