



*Resolution  
of the  
Board of County Commissioners  
St. Louis County, Minnesota*

*Adopted on: February 28, 2006*

*Resolution No. 143*

*Offered by Commissioner: Fink*

WHEREAS, on behalf of the taxpayers of St. Louis County, the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners continually seeks ways to keep the cost of county government as cost effective as possible; and

WHEREAS, the cost of St. Louis County government is significantly affected by mandates from the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota State Legislature in 2005 passed legislation (M.S. 6.79) which allows local governments to file resolutions with the State Auditor which either object to particular state mandates or make recommendations for reforming particular 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 in achieving those reforms;

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has been involved in the systematic shifting of costs to County property taxpayers for obligations which are rightly the responsibility of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners hereby submits to the State Auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the list of mandates, along with statute citations and comments, as candidates for repeal;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners requests that the State Auditor take any measures available to aid the repeal of these mandates.

Commissioner Fink moved the adoption of the Resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:

Yeas - Commissioners Fink, O'Neil, Kron, Forsman, Raukar, and Chair Nelson - 6

Nays - None

Out of Room - Commissioner Sweeney - 1

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

Office of County Auditor, ss.  
County of St. Louis

I, **DONALD DICKLICH**, Auditor of the County of St. Louis, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 28th day of February, A.D. 2006, and that this is a true and correct copy.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Duluth, Minnesota, this 28th day of February, A.D., 2006

DONALD DICKLICH, COUNTY AUDITOR

By

Deputy Auditor/Clerk of County Board

## Exhibit A: State Mandates Submission for Repeal of Full Funding

St. Louis County agrees with the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) positions regarding state mandates in the following areas:

Public Safety/Corrections			
Mandate	Statute	Rule	Comments
<b>Eliminate Extended Juvenile Jurisdiction (EJJ)</b>	<b>260B.130</b>		Eliminate the EJJ program that keeps serious offenders out of adult system & within juvenile system until age 21. Older, serious juvenile offenders should be prosecuted and sanctioned as adults as current law permits (absent diversion to EJJ). Diversion to the juvenile system imposes substantial out of home placement costs on counties. If the state is unwilling to fund this program and these costs (as it has not since 2003), it should be eliminated.