

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING
REDUCTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTIVE FUND**

WHEREAS, Illinois municipalities are currently experiencing a tremendous decline in revenues during this great recession; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are in fiscal turmoil and unable to provide vital services to citizens including police, fire, streets, sewers and water; and to fill the potholes left by winter; and

WHEREAS, Illinois taxpayers live in municipalities throughout the state and contribute income tax of which 90% goes to the state and 10% goes to municipal services; and

WHEREAS, Governor Quinn proposed in his March 10, 2010 budget address to withhold 30% of this shared revenue keeping \$300 million of that for the state budget; and

WHEREAS, this proposed withholding of municipal revenue will cost each municipality \$23.10 per resident, which could be used to provide services the local taxpayer needs; and

WHEREAS, this reduction compounds on the state's late payments of Local Government Distributive Fund amounts to municipalities by four months causing shortfalls in meeting municipal bills; and

WHEREAS, local taxpayers deserve to have these tax dollars returned to their communities to pay for local community employees, to provide local community services and to not see local tax increases;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, AS FOLLOWS:

