RESOLUTION NO. 144

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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES POSITION ON FEDERAL UNFUNDED MANDATES

Whereas, unfunded federal mandates on state and local governments have increased significantly in recent years; and

Whereas, federal mandates require cities and towns to perform duties without consideration of local circumstances, costs, or capacity and subject municipalities to civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance; and

Whereas, federal mandates require compliance regardless of other pressing local needs and priorities affecting health, welfare and safety of municipal citizens; and

Whereas, excessive federal burdens on local governments force some combination of higher local taxes and fees and/or reduced local services on citizens and local taxpayers; and

Whereas, federal mandates are too often inflexible, one size fits all requirements that impose unrealistic time frames and specify procedures or facilities where less costly alternatives might be just as effective; and

Whereas, existing mandates impose harsh pressure on local budgets and the federal government has imposed a freeze to help compensate for any new mandates; and

Whereas, the cumulative impact of these legislative and regulatory actions directly affect the citizens of our cities and towns; and

Whereas, the National League of Cities, following up on last year's successful effort, is continuing its national public education campaign to help citizens understand and then reduce the burden and inflexibility of unfunded mandates, including a National Unfunded Mandates Week, October 24-30, 1994;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Parker, Florida endorses the efforts of the National League of Cities and supports working with NLC to fully inform our citizens of federal mandates on our government and the pocketbooks of our citizens;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Parker, Florida endorses organizing and participating in events during the week of October 24-30, 1994; and finally,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Parker, Florida resolves to continue our efforts to work with the members of our Congressional delegation to educate them about the impact of federal mandates and actions necessary to reduce their burden on our citizens.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City of Parker, Florida on this 18th day of October, 1994.

CITY OF PARKER

BRENDA G. HENDRICKS

MAYOR

ATTEST:

DAVID LINGER, CITY CLERK