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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, cities and counties provide an extensive and vital array of services, on a first line basis to all Kentucky citizens, in the areas of clean water, wastewater treatment, fire and police protection, emergency medical services, street and road maintenance and numerous others; and

WHEREAS, a strong network of services is available to cities and counties through Kentucky's area development districts (ADDs) and statewide local government associations for cities and counties, who together provide planning, technical assistance and program and project development services for their communities, and together with a strengthened Department of Local Government (DLG) could offer a model of strong intergovernmental interaction and assistance to state and federal government, as demonstrated in community-based regional programs such as the on-going Kentucky 2001 Program and solid waste planning; and

WHEREAS, compliance with unfunded mandates and the further cutting of basic state appropriations in such programs as the Area Development Fund (ADF) is threatening the ability of local governments to provide basic services;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the County of Madison, Kentucky does hereby join with other cities and counties throughout the Commonwealth and the Kentucky League of Cities, the Kentucky County Judge/Executives Association, the Kentucky Association of Counties, the Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners Association, and the Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts to ratify and communicate the following recommendations to the Governor and Kentucky General Assembly:

1. That state government acknowledge that cities and counties serve as the first line provider of government services and that costs related to mandates and current budget cuts are forcing the reduction of critical services provided by local governments; and
2. That Kentucky's ADDs provide a unique ability to organize on a community and regional level, assist the state and federal government in various ways, and in addition, provide needed technical assistance to local governments and therefore the FY'94 Budget Balancing Plan should effect a cut of not more than 10% of General Fund monies to the ADDs and due to the importance of these services to the citizens of the Commonwealth, the FY 95-96 Biennium General Fund budget for the ADDs should be set at least at the \$6 million level;
3. That cities and counties, and their agencies, including volunteer fire departments, rescue squads, EMS, etc., rely on the ADF to provide critical services to their citizens, therefore the ADF program should be restored in the FY'94 budget to 90% of its original \$4.5 million approved annual allocation, and that the program be funded in the FY 95-96 biennium budget at 4.4% of the severance tax estimate for each year of the biennium, as stipulated in KRS 48.185.

4. That the Department of Local Government be retained in the Governor's Office and that it be strengthened in order to better administer programs that are designed to assist cities and counties with their special broad based needs including CDBG, ARC, EDA, ADF, and other local development programs, enabling DLG to work effectively in its partnership with ADDs, local government associations, and state and federal agencies in assistance to cities and counties and ultimately to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

THIS RESOLUTION submitted for adoption on 12-7-93 on a motion by Peggy Rice, seconded by Forniss Park.

Those voting in favor of passage of the RESOLUTION:

Peggy Rice Farris Parks
Forniss Park Larry Combs
Judge George William Robbins

Those voting against passage of the RESOLUTION:

WHEREUPON, RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED

SIGNED: George W. Robbins
Judge/Executive George Robbins

ATTEST: Mary Jane Ginter
County Clerk

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Mary Jane Ginter, Clerk
Madison County, Kentucky

By Mary Jane Ginter