

1 Introduced November 8, 1994, by  
2 Councilman Schedler, seconded by  
3 Councilwoman Williams  
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6 **RESOLUTION R94-46**  
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8 A resolution opposing local increased mandated federal spending  
9 requirements.

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

12 WHEREAS, federal mandates require municipalities to perform duties  
13 without consideration of local circumstances, costs, or capacity, and subject municipalities  
14 to civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance; and

15 WHEREAS, federal mandates require compliance regardless of other  
16 pressing local needs and priorities affecting the health, welfare, and safety of municipal  
17 citizens; and

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

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

24 WHEREAS, existing mandates impose harsh pressures on local budgets  
25 and the federal government has imposed a freeze upon funding to help compensate for  
26 any new mandates; and

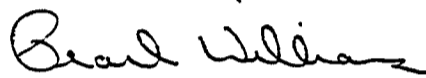
27 WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of these legislative and regulatory actions  
28 directly affect the citizens of the cities and towns of our nation and state; and

29 WHEREAS, the National League of Cities is continuing its national public  
30 education campaign to help citizens understand and then reduce the burden and  
31 inflexibility of unfunded mandates.

32 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council endorses  
33 the efforts of the National League of Cities and supports the NLC to fully inform our  
34 citizens about the impact of federal mandates on our government and the pocketbooks  
35 of our citizens.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council resolves to  
7 continue our efforts to work with the members of our Congressional Delegation to educate  
8 them about the impact of federal unfunded mandates and actions necessary to reduce  
9 their burdens on our citizens and our municipality.  
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13 Adopted this 8th day of November, 1994.  
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24 Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council  
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