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Please introduce-thanks.

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Resolution
On
Municipal Finance

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has placed municipalities in a precarious situation by imposing Expenditure Restraints, Levy limits and freezing or reducing Shared Revenues since 1995, and

Whereas, the State and Federal governments are relying on local government to provide emergency services in case of an attack in the United States, and

Whereas, Wisconsin Cities have been forced by State funding withdrawals and escalating costs of operations including fuel costs and health insurance costs to cut emergency services including police and fire,

Whereas, we believe that we can make the best decisions at the local municipal level regarding spending and that levy limits tie the hands of local municipalities who not only cannot maintain local services but are forced to make cuts that can potentially place firefighters in harms way and put the public at added risk,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that if the State of Wisconsin continues the Expenditure Restraint Program and Levy Limit Programs the State must provide exemptions to these programs for Cities to maintain essential police, fire, and ambulance services or provide alternative ways to finance these essential services.