

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION 93-09

INTRODUCED: Councilwoman Maxine M. Cobb

ENACTED : October 12, 1993

A RESOLUTION to undertake Unfunded Mandates

WHEREAS, In recent years, Maryland's cities and towns have been burdened by a growing number of costly unfunded mandates imposed on them by the state and federal governments; and

WHEREAS, these mandates have added to the financial hardships that some municipal governments are experiencing and have resulted in the need for many municipal governments to increase revenues or curtail services; and

WHEREAS, cities and towns have limited revenue raising authorities compared to state and federal governments to pay for unfunded mandates; and

WHEREAS, unfunded mandates result in local dollars being used to fund state and federal priorities rather than local priorities; and

WHEREAS, these unfunded mandates are in fact backdoor tax increases imposed by the General Assembly, Congress and state and federal regulatory agencies upon Maryland's local governments, thereby violating the principles of home rule and political accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Municipal League has called for legislation to curb and eliminate unfunded state and federal mandates; and

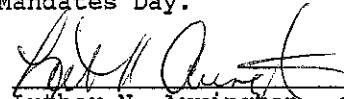
WHEREAS, there are currently numerous proposals before Congress to limit unfunded mandates and the burdensome regulations that accompany many federal laws; and

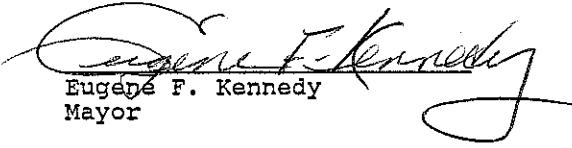
WHEREAS, October 27, 1993, has been designated as National Unfunded Mandates Day in order to call attention to the severe problems that these mandates impose on local governments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Seat Pleasant requests that Congress and the Maryland General Assembly pass meaningful legislation to end the unfair practice of unfunded mandates, including reform of the regulatory process; and

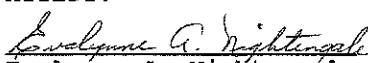
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Seat Pleasant have proclaimed October 27, 1993 as Unfunded Mandates Day in the City of Seat Pleasant, in observance of National Unfunded Mandates Day.

APPROVED:


Luther N. Arrington
Council President


Eugene F. Kennedy
Mayor

ATTEST:


Evalynne A. Nightengale
City Clerk

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