

# Mid-Moraine Municipal Association

*An Association For Municipal Improvement*

## MID-MORaine MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION NUMBER 2003-02

### MEMBER COMMUNITIES

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Hartford  
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**Whereas**, Wisconsin Statute 62.11(4) requires municipalities to publish Common Council/Village Board meeting minutes in their official newspaper; and

**Whereas**, Wisconsin Statutes 62.11(4) and 65.90(5) require municipalities to publish all ordinances adopted by the Common Council/Village Boards and all resolutions pertaining to appropriation changes; and

**Whereas**, Act 109, the Budget Repair Bill, which became effective July 31, 2002 creates a provision allowing municipalities to request exemptions from State-imposed mandates that do not affect health or safety as incorporated in Wisconsin Statute 66.0143; and

**Whereas**, required publication of minutes, ordinances and certain resolutions are unfunded mandates for Wisconsin's municipalities; and


**Whereas**, open government is most important but publication of the municipalities' official minutes, ordinances and selective resolutions are no longer the best use of taxpayers' money to keep the public since this information is made available by televising municipal meetings; placement of agendas on Cable TV, posting at municipal halls and/or other official posting locations including local libraries as well as providing copies to news media; and

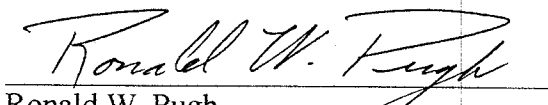
**Whereas**, publications costs of minutes, ordinances and certain resolutions cost municipalities thousands of dollars annually; and

**Whereas**, waivers from Wisconsin Statutes 62.11(4) and 65.90(5) will not impact health or safety or services provided by other municipalities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mid-Moraine Municipal Association, by its Legislative Committee, does request that the Wisconsin Department of Revenue grant a waiver to State of Wisconsin municipalities from publishing Common Council/Village Board meeting minutes, ordinances and resolutions pertaining to appropriations in official newspaper sources.

Resolution unanimously approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003, attested to by:

  
Thomas D. Hudson  
Legislative Committee Chair

  
Ronald W. Pugh  
Mid-Moraine Executive Director