



Mid-Moraine Municipal Association

An Association For Municipal Improvement

RESOLUTION NUMBER 01-001

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PREEMPTION OF LOCAL RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

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WHEREAS, The Mid-Moraine Municipal Association Legislative Committee has learned that legislation has been proposed to be introduced to the Wisconsin State Legislature to preempt local governments from imposing residency requirements on most municipal employees in opposition to the needs of these municipalities, and

WHEREAS, such legislation interferes with the ability of local municipalities to provide for safe, timely and efficient delivery of required municipal services, and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature should not interfere with municipalities' determinations concerning the conditions of municipal employment, including residency requirements, which have been reached through the collective bargaining process or through local municipal requirements, and

WHEREAS, municipalities have bargained wage and benefit packages in exchange for residency requirements, which if removed would provide an erosion of coverage while maintaining bargained for requirements, and

WHEREAS, residency requirements have been enacted by the citizens of numerous municipalities and should not be vacated by their elected representatives, and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would improperly and negatively affect almost 200 municipalities which require such residency requirements to properly, safely and efficiently provide necessary and required services to its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Legislative Committee of the Mid-Moraine Municipal Association opposes introduction and passage of legislation preempting local residency requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this resolution be provided to all members of the association, their elected Representatives and Senators, the Speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly, the State Senate Majority Leader and the Governor of the State of Wisconsin.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote of the Legislative Committee of the Mid-Moraine Municipal Association this 7th day of February, 2001.

Scott Mittelsteadt, Chairman
Mid-Moraine Legislative Committee

Ronald W. Pugh, Exec. Director
Mid-Moraine Municipal Assoc.