



# Mid-Moraine Municipal Association

*An Association For Municipal Improvement*

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 01-003**

### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RE-INSTATEMENT OF THE AUTHORITY OF MUNICIPAL COURTS TO SUSPEND DRIVERS' LICENSES FOR NON-TRAFFIC RELATED OFFENSES**

#### **MEMBER COMMUNITIES**

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**WHEREAS**, the Mid-Moraine Municipal Court has previously and appropriately suspended the drivers' licenses of individuals for non-payment of fines associated with the conviction of non-traffic related offenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the suspension of drivers' licenses was an effective means of deterring underage drinking, habitual truancy and other juvenile offenses, and

**WHEREAS**, the authority to suspend drivers' licenses for non-traffic offenses was eliminated in the 1999-2000 budget bill; and

**WHEREAS**, a budget bill is an inappropriate vehicle to consider the removal of judicial prerogatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the municipalities have determined that the enforcement of fines without the above provisions is labor intensive and costly to the citizens of these communities, and

**WHEREAS**, the municipalities represented by the Mid-Moraine Municipal Association wish to re-instate the authority of their Municipal Court to suspend drivers' licenses for non-payment of fines for the above offenses; and

**WHEREAS**, Representative Vrakas (33<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District) has proposed legislation to restore the judicial authorization to suspend drivers' licenses for individuals that fail to pay fines associated with non-traffic offenses,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mid-Moraine Municipal Association, as represented by its Legislative Committee, commends Rep. Vrakas for his initiative and unanimously supports efforts to restore such judicial authorization, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded 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.

Scott Mittelsteadt, Chairman  
Mid-Moraine Legislative Committee

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Mid-Moraine Municipal Association