

**RESOLUTION NO. 258**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE TO RESTORE FUNDS  
TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO FINANCE THE  
FY 2001 DEMAND TRANSFER STATE AID PROGRAMS FROM  
THE STATE GENERAL FUND TO CITIES AND OTHER UNITS OF  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

WHEREAS, the cities of Kansas have enjoyed a long-standing partnership with the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the three demand transfer programs (Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction, or "LAVTR", City-County Revenue Sharing, and the Motor Carrier Property Tax component of the Special City-County Highway Fund), are designed to provide revenue to cities, counties and other local governments to reduce the reliance on ad valorem property taxes as well as to finance services benefiting all Kansans; and

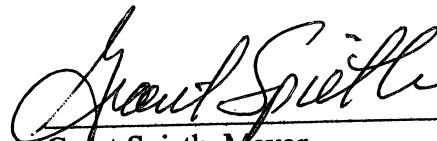
WHEREAS, the FY 2001 state budget presented to the Legislature by Governor Graves reduces the demand transfer payments by almost \$7 million and falls short of the statutorily-defined transfers by \$24.3 million; and

WHEREAS, these reductions would have one of two impacts at the city level - either decreased services or increased property taxes, or some combination of both;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Columbus, Kansas, urges the Kansas Legislature and Governor Graves to fully fund its commitments to the demand transfer programs in the State's FY 2001 budget and that cities bear only their reasonable share of the State General Fund budget problem and no more than their reasonable share; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Bill Graves; Senate President Dick Bond, Senator David Kerr, Senator Jim Barone, Speaker Robin Jennison, Representative David Adkins and Representative Doug Gatewood.

ADOPTED BY THE COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL this 17th day of April, 2000.

  
Grant Spieth, Mayor