RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, federal unfunded mandates on city governments have
increased significantly in recent years; and

WHEREAS, federal mandates require cities to perform duties without
consideration of local circumstances or capacity; and

WHEREAS, federal mandates require compliance regardless of other
pressing local needs and priorities affecting the health,
welfare, and safety of municipal citizens; and

WHEREAS, excessive federal burdens on cities force on citizens and
taxpayers either higher local taxes and fees, reduced
local services, or both; and

WHEREAS, federal mandates are too often inflexible, "one- size-
fits-all" requirements that impose unrealistic time frames
and specify procedures or facilities when less costly
alternatives might be just as effective, and

WHEREAS, existing mandates impose harsh pressures on local
budgets, and the federal government has imposed a freeze
upon funding to help compensate for any new mandates, and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of these legislative and regulatory
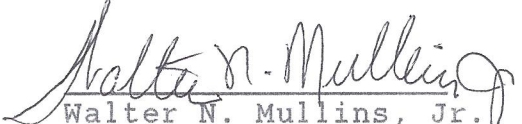actions directly affects the citizens of our cities, and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities (NLC), in conjunction with
other state and local government representatives and state
municipal leagues, including the Texas Municipal League
(TML), has begun a national public education campaign to
help citizens understand and then reduce the burden and
inflexibility of unfunded mandates, beginning with a
National Unfunded Mandates Day on October 27, 1993;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of
Tatum, Texas endorses the events that will bring this
process on October 27th; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Tatum, Texas resolves to
redouble efforts to inform and work with members of our
Congressional delegation to inform them about the impact
of federal mandates and actions necessary to reduce their
burden on our citizens.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS <u>19TH</u> DAY OF <u>OCTOBER, 1993</u> .

APPROVED:

Walter N. Mullins, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Helen Polston
City Secretary