RESOLUTION NO. 2000-05

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING AMENDMENT 3 OF THE NOVEMBER 2000 BALLOT KNOWN AS THE JUDICIAL ARTICLE

WHEREAS, in 1999, the Arkansas General Assembly referred a Constitutional Amendment to the voters of Arkansas for the November 7, 2000 General Election known as Senate Joint Resolution 9 (SJR 9) and titled Amendment 3 for the 2000 ballot, and;

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 makes sweeping changes to the judicial system, some of which are harmful to municipal government, and;

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 specifically eliminates the municipal court system, and;

WHEREAS, municipal courts provide citizens of this state with a localized judicial system accountable to those citizens, and;

WHEREAS, Amendment 3 may further deplete the already scarce revenue sources for municipalities by creating a district court system that will supercede any and all municipal court systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY/TOWN COUNCIL OF THE CITY/TOWN OF

That it opposes SJR 9, known as Amendment 3 for the 2000 ballot, as it will limit local government's authority, deplete Arkansans' ability to govern themselves at a local level and potentially rob municipalities of a precious revenue resource.

PASSED THIS _

DAY OF_

2000.

City Clerk/Recorder

Mayor