



One Range...One Voice

## **Range Association of Municipalities and Schools**

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### **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Governor Tim Pawlenty has proposed reducing Local Government Aids by 20-25%, and

WHEREAS, Local government aids were designed to allow equal government services in communities with low property valuation, and

WHEREAS, Cities and townships in the Taconite Relief area have low property valuations, and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Property Tax Reform Law put over \$2 Billion per biennium in property wealthy communities, and

WHEREAS, The Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS) members rely on Local Government Aid to deliver basic government services,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the RAMS Board of Directors petitions Governor Pawlenty and the Minnesota Legislature to not unfairly cut low property valuation cities' Local Government Aid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the unfair Property Tax Reform Law be repealed and replaced with a fair system so that all Minnesota residents be treated fairly as opposed to the discrimination that exists currently in rural Minnesota.

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Harley Jenson, President  
RAMS Board of Directors

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003.