

RESOLUTION NO. 504

WHEREAS, the fiscal problems of the City of Prineville, Oregon continue to increase, despite efforts to hold the line on new programs and services, improve productivity and achieve economies and efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Prineville has in preparing its budget for fiscal year 1976-77 been forced to cutback programs, and services in the areas of police and fire equipment replacement and acquisition, and reserve funding for ambulance replacement, swimming pool maintenance and renovation, and community center construction; and

WHEREAS, the local revenue sources are limited by the Oregon Constitution and a combination of factors; and

WHEREAS, Statewide analysis has indicated that factors beyond the control of cities, such as growth, inflation, and state and federal mandates, add significantly to the fiscal burden of cities; and

WHEREAS, cities urgently need access to income tax revenues, the one significant untapped source of revenue for cities, because of its unique ability to respond to growth and inflation in a manner that no other revenue source now available to cities can accomplish; and

WHEREAS, statewide collection of income tax revenues with allocation to cities on a formula basis is a far superior means of giving cities access to this revenue source when compared to development of a non-uniform pattern of numerous local income taxes with their resulting tax payer inconvenience, possibilities for overlapping and double taxation and higher administrative costs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the council of the City of Prineville, Oregon does earnestly petition that the State of Oregon, by legislative and concurring executive action, enter into a program for sharing state income tax revenue with Oregon cities as the most practical means of helping to alleviate the critical fiscal crisis of Oregon cities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State, to each of the legislators representing the House and Senate districts which include this city, and to the League of Oregon Cities.

Passed by the Council this 11th day of January, 1977.

Approved by the Mayor this 12th day of January, 1977.

Patrick J. Lynch
Patrick J. Lynch, City Administrator

Dr. Riley L. Allen
Dr. Riley L. Allen, Mayor