



Resolution No. 2006- 78  
April 4, 2006

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

Whereas, Public Act (P.A.) 289 of 1977 provides for payments to municipalities for fire protection services received by state owned facilities; and

Whereas, the State of Michigan has never fully funded this program and at best reimbursed communities at a 47% level of its total financial commitment and currently the state funds only 42% of the formula for protecting Eastern Michigan University (EMU) and other state owned facilities; and

Whereas, the requirements for enhanced homeland security post 911 have created additional unfunded responsibilities for our fire fighters; and

Whereas, fire protection for university campuses is complicated. EMU has 8,000 students living on campus and a total of 67 buildings, only three (3) of which are totally sprinkled. In addition, special training and equipment are required so firefighters are prepared to deal with fires that may occur in chemical labs and in research facilities where radioactive materials are present; and

Whereas, over a 29 year period, the City of Ypsilanti should have been compensated at a level of \$14.630 million and yet only received approximately \$5,644,436. The resultant shortfall of \$8,985,569 has been subsidized by the City's general fund; and

Whereas, Eastern Michigan University of a regional asset, and the expense of protecting that asset should be borne by the State.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Ypsilanti City Council appeals to the State Legislature to levy the taxes necessary to fully fund P.A. 289, thus finally honoring the solemn promise made by the State Legislature to its' communities almost 30 years ago.

Further, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Jennifer Granholm; Lt. Governor John Cherry, Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema; Senate Minority Leader Bob Emerson; House Speaker Craig DeRoche; House Minority Leader Dianne Byrum; Senator Allen Cropsey; Senator Liz Brater and Representative Alma Wheeler-Smith; Budget Director Mary Lannoye; Robert Swanson, Acting Director, Department of Labor and Economic Growth; Representative Scott Hummel, House Appropriations Chair; Senator Shirley Johnson; Senator Beverly

Hammerstrom; Senator Patty Birkholz; Representatative Daniel Accavitti;  
Representative John Proos; and Representative Leslie Mortimer.

OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

VOTE: