

WHEREAS, the expansion of the Federal government in recent decades has diminished the ability of State and local governments to meet their responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, this situation has resulted in part from the Federal government's domination of the income tax as a revenue source; and


WHEREAS, the principal revenue sources of local government -- sales and property taxes -- are rapidly reaching their upper limit; and

WHEREAS, this imbalance in the power to collect revenue has combined with the growing demand for public services to bring many local governments to the brink of fiscal collapse; and

WHEREAS, the concept of general revenue sharing has been endorsed by an impressive number of national, State and local leaders and organizations, and by leaders of both major political parties, as an effective means of helping resolve this crucial problem;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alexandria declares its strong support for the concept of general revenue sharing and urgently requests the continuation of bi-partisan efforts in the Congress to enact this much-needed measure without delay.

Adopted May 11, 1971


Mrs. Helen Vickers, City Clerk
and Clerk of Council