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RESOLUTION

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PURPOSE: RESOLUTION URGING THE JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE TO FUND THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES PAYMENTS PROGRAM AT 100% IN THE 2025-2027 STATE BIENNIAL BUDGET

INITIATED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the 2025-2027 Governor's Recommended Executive Budget includes an increase of funding for the Municipal Services Payments (MSP) Program; and

WHEREAS, prior to the establishment of the MSP Program in 1973, municipalities shouldered the full cost of essential services to state properties, placing an unfair burden on local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the MSP Program aims to alleviate local property tax pressures by reimbursing municipalities for services funded through local taxes; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, the program was fully funded at 100%, yet despite increased property valuations, funding has remained stagnant since 2011 at \$18,584,200, covering only 37.62% of the costs, thereby significantly shifting greater costs onto local taxpayers over time; and

WHEREAS, Oshkosh has state facilities valued at \$904,525,000 with an entitlement of \$2,707,657.66, yet only \$1,018,557.46 is reimbursed due to limited funding, forcing Oshkosh taxpayers to cover nearly \$1.7 million in costs for state facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Oshkosh that the City of Oshkosh urges the Wisconsin Joint Finance Committee not only include funding at the proposed amount but also increase funding to ensure 100% reimbursement going forward, in fairness to Oshkosh taxpayers and taxpayers of the other 360 municipalities receiving MSP, thereby alleviating the disproportionate tax burden on local citizens for the operation of state facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to forwarding this resolution to state legislators and the Governor, it shall be actively disseminated to Oshkosh citizens, urging them to engage with their legislators and the Joint Finance Committee to advocate for fair and just funding.