

SAMPLE Services Resolution

A Resolution on Local Authority over Service Negotiations

Adopted by _____ Date: _____

WHEREAS federal government officials without consent of, or consultation with, state authorities are entering into agreements which will dramatically impinge upon the sovereignty and authority given to states by the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS state and local governing units are closest to and most representative of the people; and

WHEREAS agreements on trade in services set a poorly defined standard that regulations must not be more burdensome to trade than necessary, which affects services traditionally provided or regulated by state and local governments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that _____ insist that the Administration and Congress should consult with state and local officials prior to negotiating any trade agreements to ensure that trade negotiators do not undermine the scope of local governmental authority under the Constitution, while assessing the impact of proposed agreement on state and local laws and future law-making authority, and when necessary, providing general exceptions to safeguard local sovereignty and protect effective local programs and initiatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that _____ demand that the United States Trade Representative must provide state and local officials access to negotiating documents necessary for such officials and their constituents to assess the potential impacts of such negotiations on their legitimate authority.

