RESOLUTION NO. 98- *17422*

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO CONSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVE #75 (CI-75), NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF MONTANA.

WHEREAS, all citizens of the State of Montana have the right to initiate legislation with their state government, establishing governmental statements of principle and policies, and

WHEREAS, one such initiative, now recognized as Constitutional Initiative 75 (CI-75), has been circulated throughout the State of Montana and is scheduled for consideration on November 3, 1998, and

WHEREAS, this initiative has been created to establish requirements for a vote of the people on fiscal actions of state, county, city and school district governments in the State of Montana, and

WHEREAS, the CI-75 petition impacts the ability of elected officials to govern this state and its counties, cities, towns and school districts, and

WHEREAS, the CI-75 petition challenges basic American principles of representative democracy, and

WHEREAS, the CI-75 petition restricts the ability of local government to raise necessary revenues and will be a disincentive to efficiency in government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana that the City Council voices its firm opposition to this initiative.

Further, it urges all citizens of the City of Billings to refrain from supporting this issue on November 3rd. The Council urges all citizens to become fully informed about the initiative and its detrimental effect upon local government operations and the negative effect on good citizens who may have otherwise been willing to serve their communities as elected officials.

Further, we acknowledge that the CI-75 initiative would negatively impact efficient planning, budgeting, and continuity of local government services.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of October, 1998.

THE CITY OF BILLINGS:

BY: _____
Charles F. Tooley   MAYOR

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Marita Herold, CMC/AAE   CITY CLERK