

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ILLINOIS AND DUPAGE COUNTY'S
TRAVEL AND TOURISM INDUSTRY**

WHEREAS, the travel and tourism industry supports the vital interests of Illinois and the Village of Downers Grove, contributing to employment, economic prosperity, peace, understanding and goodwill; and

WHEREAS, Illinois' travel and tourism is the only revenue-generating industry that provides billions of tax dollars for the Illinois general revenue fund and the people of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, travel and tourism ranks as one of Illinois' and DuPage County's largest industries in terms of revenues generated; and

WHEREAS, travelers visiting DuPage County in 2002 generated \$1.56 billion expenditures, \$87.48 million in Illinois tax receipts, and \$27.8 million in DuPage County tax receipts; and

WHEREAS, travel and tourism provides employment for a cross-section of residents of DuPage County and Illinois; and

WHEREAS, travel and tourism provided employment for 22,000 in DuPage County, generating a payroll of \$505 million; and

WHEREAS, as people throughout the country and world become more aware of the outstanding cultural and recreational resources available in Illinois and DuPage County, travel and tourism will become an increasingly important aspect in the lives of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, given these laudable contributions to the economic, social and cultural well being of the citizens of Downers Grove, it is fitting that we recognize the importance of travel and tourism;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, to call upon Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich to maintain funding of the budget of Illinois Tourism at its 2004 levels, until it becomes economically feasible to increase it.

Mayor

Passed:

Attest: _____
Village Clerk