

A RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, OKLAHOMA
RESOLUTION NO. 794
OPPOSING SQ 744 (HOPE INITIATIVE PETITION)

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma supports adequate funding for common education and sustainable sources for that funding; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Clinton shares a concern with the Oklahoma Education Association (OEA) regarding quality public schools, realizing students today are the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Clinton believes State Question 744 is flawed as it does not include a funding source and would fund education at the expense of other needs, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Clinton further believes that State Question 744 as presented is ill-conceived in that it does not explain that schools will be funded at the expense of other needs including cities, towns, roads, bridges, and water to name a few: and

WHEREAS, the proponents contend the price tag for this Constitutional amendment will cost \$800 Million to One Billion Dollars per year; and

WHEREAS, if passed, the practical result would require a tax increase in state income, oil and gas or sales tax or all existing state budgets would be compromised in favor of common education; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Clinton derives substantial financial resources for infrastructure, and capital improvements from the development programs of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management; and operational support from the Oklahoma Bureau of Investigation, Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Oklahoma Tax Commission, and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality; all of which, and many more, would have their budgets adversely affected, and

WHEREAS, many recent attempts have preceded this state question that were also intended to solve the funding crisis for common education including: HB 1017, para-mutual gambling (horse racing), and the lottery; and

WHEREAS, fundamental changes to the existing funding structure for common education must be addressed first.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma opposes state question 744.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2010 by the City Council of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma.

Allen Bryson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Anders, City Clerk