## RESOLUTION NO. 7576-R59

## A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE PAYMENT OF STATE SUBSIDIES TO AMTRAK AND THE MAINTENANCE THEREOF

WHEREAS, feasible alternatives to the automobile are necessary for passenger transportation between Champaign and Chicago; and WHEREAS, such alternatives must provide regular, frequent, and rapid service; and

WHEREAS, regular and frequent service has been provided through the provision of a State subsidy to Amtrak for the operation between Champaign and Chicago of two daily trains, in addition to other Amtrak service; and

WHEREAS, the continued operation of these two trains has been jeopardized by the nonpayment of previously agreed upon State subsidy to Amtrak;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that responsible state officials take such immediate steps as may be necessary to make payment of the previously agreed upon subsidy without further delay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Illinois, through its Governor, its legislators, other elected and appointed officials be urged to consider action for maintaining the subsidy and for developing further improvements to this and other railroad systems throughout the State.

PASSED by the City Council this 12 day of June, 1976

APPROVED by the Mayor this // day of June,

Hiram Paley, Mayor