RESOLUTION NO. 9091-R26

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE BALTIC REPUBLICS

WHEREAS, Governments derive their legitimacy from the consent of the governed; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Baltic Republics (Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia), together with officials of their local and provincial governments, have clearly indicated through words and actions their commitment to democracy and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the people of Urbana have a special "Sister City" relationship with the people of Tartu, Estonia.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, on behalf of the people of Urbana, Illinois that:

Section 1. They declare their solidarity with and support for the people of Tartu, of Estonia, and of all the Baltic Republics in their aspirations and commitment to democracy and civil rights.

Section 2. That they urge the government of the United States to strongly urge the government of the Soviet Union to refrain from intimidation, harassment, and violence against the people and local and state governments of Tarty, of Estonia, and of all the Baltic republics.

PASSED by the City Council this 18th day of manch

Ruth S. Brookens, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this ______ day of _______

Jeff Vel W. Markland, Mayor