

## A SOLUTION OF THE SIGNS

To be perfectly honest, as a taxpayer, I often find initiatives and ideas advanced by the government to be mystifying. The way money is spent raises questions. Maybe you find that to be the case, too. It should be noted, however, that the closer to home the government is, the more responsible it seems to act.

The difference between local government and Washington is very simple, according to the late President Ronald Reagan. He once pointed this out with this story about a little town:

The town had traffic signs that were only five feet high, and officials decided to raise them to seven feet in order to make them easier for motorists to see.

Then the federal government came in and said that it had a program that would achieve the same result. Here's how the feds did it: They broke up all the roads in town and lowered them by two feet.

What about the decisions we make? Life Care's *Mission and Values* statement proclaims that we are to be good stewards of the resources committed to us. That includes informed analysis of problems – or opportunities – and thoughtful preparation of plans with an eye toward efficiency of cost – meaning not only money, but time, energy and skill – to achieve the correct result.

The sharing of ideas to determine the correct course of action is always appropriate.

--Beecher Hunter