

**SAMPLE RESOLUTION LANGUAGE**

**Whereas**, The United States Congress is considering H.R. 3007 or the *Local Fiscal Assistance Act*, which would provide direct funding to local governments for essential public services pertinent to all Pennsylvanians; and

**Whereas**, borough communities across our Commonwealth are in need of a flexible assistance program where the federal government may partner with local governments to help create jobs, improve infrastructure, and ensure the continued delivery of essential public functions that communities need to remain viable; and

**Whereas**, any policy efforts by Congress to stimulate the U.S. economy should include a reinstatement of the federal revenue sharing program as proposed in the *Local Fiscal Assistance Act*; and

**Whereas**, the current proposal before Congress and any related efforts should provide funds directly to local governments to fund such essential expenses as public safety (including police protection, fire safety, and code enforcement), transportation (including street maintenance and transit related initiatives), health programs, recreation facilities, libraries, environmental protection (sewage disposal, public sanitation, and pollution abatement), social services for the poor or aged, and local government administration functions; and

**WHEREAS**, our fellow small and mid-sized municipalities across the United States do not receive an equitable distribution of federal assistance as compared to larger metropolitan cities. The Local Fiscal Assistance Act as proposed under H.R. 3007 would help to alleviate this national inequity and would bring parity to the federal funds system of distribution; and

**Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that** the Borough of \_\_\_\_\_ in partnership with our statewide legislative advocate, The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, respectfully urge our member of the US House of Representatives and both United States Senators to support the federal Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 2009 (H.R. 3007), which would effectively provide \$90 billion to local governments across the country through fiscal year 2011. \_

**Be It Further Resolved**, that copies of this resolution be conveyed to our statewide advocates at the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs and the appropriate elected officials representing this borough community before the United States Congress and Pennsylvania General Assembly.

**Duly Presented and Adopted** by the Borough Council of \_\_\_\_\_ at a regular public meeting held this \_\_\_\_\_.

Council of \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Borough Secretary