

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
RESOLUTION 2021 – 8

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LEHIGH, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA URGING ALL PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATORS TO OPPOSE GOVERNOR WOLF'S PROPOSAL TO LEVY A FEE ON ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE FUNDING OF PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE.

WHEREAS, Lehigh Township is a municipal corporation located in Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which is governed by the Second Class Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Second Class Township Code authorizes a municipality to provide for police services for the public health, welfare and safety; and

WHEREAS, Lehigh Township has maintained and funded full-time police coverage since 1950 through the General Fund Budget of Lehigh Township; and

WHEREAS, Lehigh Township's budget for police services in 2021 is \$1,973,810 which represents 36.3% of the total 2021 budget of \$5,443,238; and

WHEREAS, Governor Wolf's proposed budget for the FY 2021-2022 outlined a municipal-imposed fee that would provide further funding for the Pennsylvania State Police; and

WHEREAS, under Governor Wolf's budget proposal, Lehigh Township would pay the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania an additional \$45,443.49; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police have been inequitably funded by Pennsylvania Legislative and Executive branches for many years; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors believes members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly and Governor should responsibly work together to find an equitable solution to properly fund the Pennsylvania State Police that will not place a financial burden on municipalities who already pay for full-time police services; and


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Lehigh Township, Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urges our local

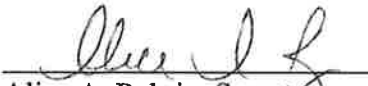
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania legislators, State Representative Zachary Mako and State Senator Mario Scavello, to not only oppose any imposition of fees for Pennsylvania State Police coverage on municipalities that pay for full-time police coverage independent of Pennsylvania State Police, but also work with Governor Wolf to find an equitable solution to fully fund the Pennsylvania State Police in the future.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED this *11<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 2021.

Lehigh Township  
Northampton County

ATTEST:

  
Cynthia L. Miller, Chairman

  
Alice A. Rehrig, Secretary