

NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Resolution No. 10 of 2019

RESOLUTION OF NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR RETAINING THE CURRENT LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the revenues generated and grant program administered by the Local Share Account ("LSA") represents a significant source of funding needed to support the ongoing development of North Franklin Township; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the program ensures the highest degree of efficiency and support for the benefit of the Townships as well as Washington County; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, over \$32 Million dollars of LSA funds have been invested in economic development initiatives, water and sewer infrastructure extension projects to create long term economic growth and permanent tax base increases for Municipalities and School Districts alike; and

WHEREAS, loss of these economic drivers would have a negative impact on future development and hinder tax base growth as a result, and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Commissioners and Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington have administered the program in the most cost-effective and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the current system of grant award is competitive based on published criteria incentivizing economic development, job creation and brownfield reuse, which benefits all taxing bodies; and

WHEREAS, losing the yearly stipend and opportunity to apply for further grant funding will severely impede on the advancement of development within the Township as well as Washington County; and

WHEREAS, any tax relief provided to school districts for their operating costs, would create deficits for municipalities no longer receiving LSA Funds causing municipal tax increases that would more than likely offset any tax relief for taxpayers from School taxes; and

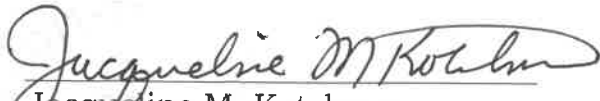
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Franklin Township Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its support for retaining the current Local Share Account Program.

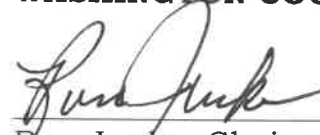
AND, IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Franklin Township Board of Supervisors opposes any legislation removing or reducing Local Share Account funding from the local municipalities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution is hereby executed this 14th day of May, 2019.

ATTEST:

**NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WASHINGTON COUNTY, PA**


Jacqueline M. Kotchman
Secretary/Treasurer


Ron Junko, Chairman
North Franklin Township