## **RESOLUTION 95-109**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. UNANIMOUSLY VOICING THEIR DISAPPROVAL OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AS PROPOSED BY THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR THOMAS J. RIDGE.

Whereas; since the inception of the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs (DCA) in the legislative year of 1966, this agency has fostered intergovernmental cooperation in local governments by providing technical assistance, peer to peer training and grants administration assistance that has provided for more efficiently managed local governments;

Whereas; The Honorable Governor strives for a more user friendly state government, the proposed scattering of the current services provided by DCA's mere two hundred and forty employees among the maze and entanglement of the remaining cabinet-level state agencies, is clearly a regressive action, placing in jeopardy the one last user friendly connection between state and local government in this Commonwealth;

Whereas; if state cabinet level agencies would be advisory and cooperative to local government, rather than taking a first line punitive approach, this state-local system would be productive and cost effective service to the citizenry of all units of local government. Rather, government is today clearly perceived as it's own worst enemy; still DCA has bridged this perception and is the last user friendly voice coming forth from the state capital.

NOW therefore, Be it Resolved, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Hopewell, of Beaver County, that the dissolution of the Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs, as proposed by the Honorable Governor Thomas J. Ridge, is respectfully opposed and viewed as a regressive action, clearly detrimental to the efficient operations of local governments in the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Resolved this 23rd day of May, 1995 by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Hopewell.

**President, Board of Commissioners** 

Secretary