

RESOLUTION 96-134

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL,
BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING
LEGISLATIVE ACTION REVISING ACT III FOR
POLICE AND FIRE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.**

WHEREAS, public safety services continue to be the primary function of municipal service delivery; and

WHEREAS, public safety is the most significant line item in municipal budgets; and

WHEREAS, the overall costs of police and fire services account for 20.2 % of the budget for Hopewell Township; and

WHEREAS, Hopewell Township cannot continue to meet the demand and costs for services under the current fiscal constraints of the existing local tax structure and our limited local resources; and

WHEREAS, the cost of providing public safety service is determined by, in most cases, a binding arbitration process pursuant to Act III; and

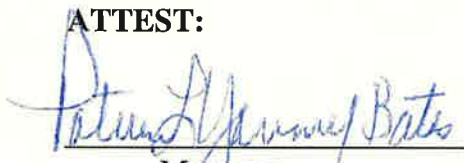
WHEREAS, Act III has not been revised since its inception more than two decades ago.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Township of Hopewell support legislation in the form of House Bill 2255 which will modify Act III to provide criteria for arbitration panels to determine the municipality's financial capability to meet the financial requirements of arbitration awards and will also provide for the costs associated with arbitrators to be equally shared; and

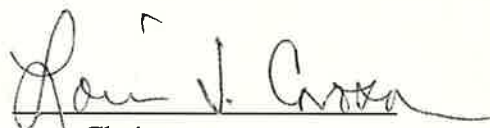
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Hopewell Township forward a copy of this resolution to Representative Nick Colafella and Senator Gerald Lavelle and encourage their support.

ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF AUGUST 1996

ATTEST:



Manager



Chairman