

RESOLUTION NO. 74-121, 1974

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
REQUESTING THE CONTINUATION OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING.

WHEREAS, boroughs, cities, townships and counties are facing a financial crisis due to factors over which they have little or no control, such as compulsory arbitration pay increases for police and firemen, increased pension and fringe benefits, general inflation, interest cost of borrowing, and cutbacks in federal aid; and

WHEREAS, the new Federal law relating to minimum wages and overtime, and State-mandated programs such as waste management and sewage facilities impose even greater costs on local government at a time when inflation is having a much more severe impact on local government than on State government; and

WHEREAS, boroughs, cities, townships and counties are faced with the alternatives of either cutting back on essential local services or raising the local property tax on homeowners and businesses and regressive taxes on persons who are already tax burdened; and

WHEREAS, Federal Revenue Sharing has already demonstrated the importance of providing financial assistance to local governments as a means of easing the local tax burden and giving local officials generally unrestricted discretion for the expenditure of such funds on locally determined priorities; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the Pennsylvania Legislature which proposes to allocate to local units a portion of State personal income tax revenues which will ease the financial crunch on boroughs, cities, townships and counties and help to reduce the need for further local property and personal tax increases; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners urge the Governor and the Pennsylvania Legislature to give the highest priority to the immediate enactment of legislation to provide a substantial allocation in State Revenue Sharing for boroughs, cities, townships and counties which is an essential element in alleviating the plight of boroughs, cities, townships and counties and in relieving the overburdened local taxes.

ADOPTED the 9TH day of December, 1974.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP

s/ Donald J. Kosis
Secretary

By: s/ Fred R. Milanovich
President