

RESOLUTION 79-121

IN SUPPORT OF EARLY RE-ENACTMENT OF
THE FEDERAL GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Federal General Revenue Sharing program expires September 30, 1980; and

WHEREAS, the General Revenue Sharing program is the most visible local return of the Federal tax dollar; and

WHEREAS, the General Revenue Sharing program allows municipalities the freedom to tailor spending to individual community needs; and

WHEREAS, the General Revenue Sharing program has enabled local governments to finance projects and services for their citizens that they otherwise would not be able to provide; and

WHEREAS, General Revenue Sharing accounts for about 10% of local government budgets in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, property taxes or other taxes and user fees would have to be raised to offset any loss of General Revenue Sharing funds; and

WHEREAS, many local governments in Pennsylvania are at or near their statutory taxation limits; and

WHEREAS, the local government share of the total tax dollar has decreased from 57% in 1930 to 5% in 1975; and

WHEREAS, local governments will soon begin work on the 1980 budget;


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Township of Hopewell urges the President and the Congress to work for an early re-enactment of the Federal General Revenue Sharing program as it now exists; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the President, the Pennsylvania Senators, and the House Member representing this district in Congress and to the State Association.

ADOPTED this 22 day of June, 1979.

WITNESS:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP


Evelyn Grande, Secretary


Michael A. Parisi, Jr. - President