LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. LNT-13-21

DULY ADOPTED February 24, 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER NAZARETH, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA URGING ALL PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATORS TO OPPOSE GOVERNOR WOLF'S PROPOSAL TO LEVY A FEE ON ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE FUNDING OF PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE.

WHEREAS, Lower Nazareth Township is a municipal corporation located in Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which is governed by the Second Class Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Second Class Township Code authorizes a municipality to provide for police services for the public health, welfare and safety; and

WHEREAS, Lower Nazareth Township has full-time police coverage since 1995 through an inter-municipal agreement, which resulted in the creation of the Colonial Regional Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Lower Nazareth Township's budget for police services in 2021 is \$1,750,000, which represents 37% of the total 2021 budget of \$4,843,125; and

WHEREAS, Governor Wolf has made a recent proposal that would require all municipalities to pay a fee to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for funding for the Pennsylvania State Police; and

WHEREAS, under Governor Wolf's proposal, Lower Nazareth Township would pay the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania an additional \$40,274.48; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township that the implementation of a fee for municipalities that already pay for full-time police services would be grossly inequitable and an unjust assessment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township, Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urges our local Commonwealth of Pennsylvania legislators to vehemently oppose any imposition of fees on all municipalities for Pennsylvania State Police coverage as it is an inequitable fee, particularly for municipalities that pay for full-time police coverage independent of Pennsylvania State Police.

DULY ADOPTED on the 24th of February, 2021, at a duly advertised meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania where a quorum of Supervisors was present.

LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

James Pennington, Chairman

Гатті Dravecz, Secretary/Trøasurer