

A RESOLUTION

A resolution of the county of _____, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting the 2025 priorities of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania counties have selected three priority issues that will be the focal point of counties' proactive agenda for 2025; and

WHEREAS, these priorities showcase counties' commitment to the core services they provide to the people and communities of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, achieving these three county priorities underscore the critical need to redefine, reinvigorate and emphasize the state-county partnership in service delivery; and

WHEREAS, the top priority for Pennsylvania counties in 2025 is once again securing **911 surcharge reauthorization and statute updates**; and

WHEREAS, current 911 funding revenues have not kept pace with the increasing costs of the system, which must support our needs into the future, including planning, development and support of Next Gen 911; and

WHEREAS, _____ County is funding _____% of our 911 system costs, which are being used for <<what are your primary cost drivers?>>; and

WHEREAS, counties are urging swift reauthorization of the 911 surcharge well in advance of its January 31, 2026, sunset date.

WHEREAS, counties are also advocating for discussions among policymakers and stakeholders regarding an increase in the surcharge to address the rising annual costs of the 911 system. These costs include expenses related to personnel, cybersecurity, and the long-term capital projects necessary for counties to ensure the system's reliability and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, achieving this priority would ensure all Pennsylvania residents and visitors will continue to have a quick and efficient connection to a 911 operator and services in any situation, regardless of geographic location or time of day; and

WHEREAS, counties' second priority is advocating for **adequate county mental health base funding** increase to ensure that residents are able to access the care that they need; and

WHEREAS, counties provide community-based mental health services, such as community residential programs, family-based support, outpatient care and crisis intervention, which are critical to the well-being of our constituents and our communities; and

WHEREAS, _____ County has invested in community-based mental health services that coordinate and invest in programs and services that meet the needs and challenges of local communities, including <<include examples of community mental health programs in your county as applicable>>; and

WHEREAS, counties third priority continues to be seeking critical vote-by-mail reforms, including clarifications to current law surrounding drop boxes and ballot curing, as well as expanded pre-canvassing time and moving back the mail-in ballot application deadline to 15 days before an election; and

WHEREAS, achieving this priority would give counties needed tools to run fair, secure, and accurate elections, restoring public trust in the election system; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that _____ County stands ready to work with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania and counties throughout the commonwealth in support of these priorities for 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these priorities emphasize the important role _____ County plays in improving our communities and the well-being of our residents; and

RESOLVED, that _____ County calls upon the General Assembly and the Administration to work together in partnership with counties to jointly determine the most effective ways to continue meeting the needs of Pennsylvanians; and

RESOLVED, collaboration between county government and the commonwealth on these priorities will lead to solutions that improve stewardship of taxpayer dollars, reduce cost, increase local flexibility and assure the quality of services counties provide; and

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the _____ County legislative delegation, to Governor Shapiro, and to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of _____, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST: _____
COUNCIL

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/COUNTY

