

Borough of West Newton
Westmoreland County

Resolution 2010-4

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO STATE HOUSE BILL 2431 WHICH WOULD
AMEND THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSTITUTION TO RADICALLY ALTER THE STRUCTURE OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, local municipalities are better equipped to respond immediately to the needs and concerns of their residents; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials have a greater level of accountability to the residents from whom they are elected to serve since they reside in their municipality and interact on a more frequent and daily basis with the residents of their municipality; and.

WHEREAS, House Bill 2431 is a joint resolution to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution which would radically alter the structure of local government in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2431 would make Counties the basic level of government in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, under House Bill 2431, municipalities would only be permitted to exist under the jurisdiction of the County who would then determines what type of duties they would perform, if any; and

WHEREAS, under House Bill 2431, Counties would take over all control of local personnel, law enforcement, land use and zoning, sanitation and health and safety; and

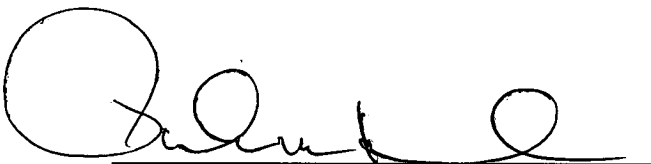
WHEREAS, House Bill 2431 poses a major threat to the right of local self-determination and local democracy and is an attempt to eliminate the many local governments that make up this great Commonwealth.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of West Newton, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, the Borough Council hereby expresses its opposition to House Bill 2431 and urges that it be voted down by the full Senate and House of Representatives as an attempt to usurp the decision making rights of the local electorate regarding their community's future; and further hereby authorizes Secretary/Treasurer of the Borough of West Newton to provide a copy of this Resolution to each State Senator and State Representative as well as Governor Edward Rendell.

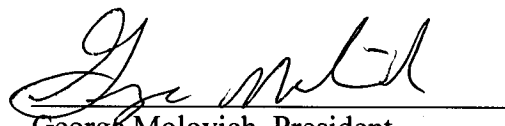
RESOLVED AND ENACTED this 14th day of June, 2010.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF WEST NEWTON



Pamela M. Humenik, Secretary



George Molovich, President