**Model Resolution**

***Local Government Week: April 9-13, 2018***

WHEREAS, Local government is the backbone of our democracy and the bedrock of our political system; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania local government is the epitome of a "grassroots" operation and local government elected officials are ordinary citizens who choose to serve their community; and

WHEREAS, More than 12 million Pennsylvania residents rely on the services and facilities provided by local government, including townships which provide essential services such as maintenance of roads and streets, sewage management, police and fire protection, local planning and zoning, waste management and recycling, and parks and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's residents rely upon the dedication of these local governments in meeting many of the health, welfare, and public safety needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, The success of local government is a key element in the overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Our local governments are a testimony to liberty, freedom and the right to elected self-government; and

WHEREAS, "Local Government Week" focuses attention on the need for strong, independent, and active local government in Pennsylvania and recognizes the valuable contributions made by residents serving their communities; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the township recognizes April 9-13, 2018, as "Local Government Week" in Pennsylvania.