

EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE LANCASTER COUNTY EXCISE TAX

RESOLUTION #17-13

WHEREAS, East Lampeter Township is home to Sixty-Seven (67) locations where the Lancaster County Excise Tax was collected in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Fifty (50) of these Sixty-Seven (67) locations also collected the Lancaster County Room Tax in 2016; and

WHEREAS, a total of \$2,424,478.26 was collected from these East Lampeter Township locations from these two tax sources in 2016; and

WHEREAS, this amount represents more than Thirty percent (30%) of all of the taxes collected in Lancaster County from these sources in 2016; and

WHEREAS, based upon the amount collected in 2016, the proposed increase in the Excise Tax from 1.1% to 3% would collect approximately an additional \$933,000 from East Lampeter Township based businesses annually; and

WHEREAS, East Lampeter Township is making substantial efforts to maintain and support a thriving tourism industry in Lancaster County; and

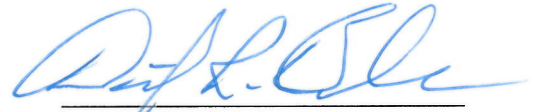
WHEREAS, the East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors is concerned that this proposed tax increase, if enacted, would have a negative impact upon overnight stay business operations in East Lampeter and Lancaster County; and

WHEREAS, the East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors would prefer to have Lancaster County generate additional Tourism Marketing funds from other sources;


NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors that East Lampeter Township supports efforts to generate additional funding for Lancaster County Tourism Marketing efforts and is willing to work with Lancaster County, Discover Lancaster, the Greater Lancaster Hotel & Motel Association and others interested in the County's Tourism industry to identify and create funding sources for this purpose with the goal of increasing Tourism to Lancaster County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors that East Lampeter Township is opposed to the proposed increase to the Excise Tax from 1.1% to 3% due to the potential negative impact that this increase would have on overnight stay businesses in East Lampeter Township.

RESOLVED THIS TWENTIETH DAY OF MARCH, 2017.



Chairman

Attest:  Secretary