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Subject: Resolution supporting P.L. 2009, C.118

Please distribute the attached resolution to your governing body regarding the support of P.L. 2009, C.118 - tax assessment and valuation duties pilot program and also supporting any plan to study the expansion of the program to include Morris County. The resolution was adopted by the Montville Township Committee on October 27, 2009. Thank you. <<Res supp P.L. 2009,C118.pdf>>

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TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, P.L. 2009, C.118 was enacted by the New Jersey Legislature, and signed into law by the Governor on August 18, 2009, creating a pilot program in Gloucester County, whereby the county will take over the tax assessment and valuation duties heretofore performed by municipal tax assessors; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Montville understand that the Legislature is considering the expansion of this pilot program statewide, consolidating the duties of every municipality's tax assessor into those newly appointed county tax assessors; and

WHEREAS, the Township believes that a review of this initiate is a positive, progressive step in the furtherance of the concept of more efficient and effective government through shared/consolidated services; and

WHEREAS, in order to make local government better we need to continue to explore alternative methods of providing public service in a more efficient and effective manner and contend that it is not good enough to have the system simply maintain the status quo just because it works; and


WHEREAS, the property tax structure in the State of New Jersey is broken and it is incumbent on all local government officials to explore methods to make our systems function better; this has been a basic tenet of shared/consolidated services that must continue in the tradition of success stories such as the Morris County Joint Insurance Fund and the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council; and

WHEREAS, the assessing function is already subordinate to the Morris County Board of Taxation and moving the day-to-day operation of tax assessing to the county level is a natural progression of the existing process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Montville, County of Morris and State of New Jersey agree with and support the enactment of P.L. 2009, c.118, and also support any plan to study the expansion of the pilot program to include Morris County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk forward copies of this resolution to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, each municipality in Morris County, New Jersey State Senator Joseph Pennacchio, New Jersey State Assemblyman Alex DeCroce, New Jersey State Assemblyman Jay Webber and the Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey.

I, Gertrude H. Atkinson, Clerk of the Township of Montville, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee at a regular meeting of said governing body held on October 27, 2009.


Gertrude H. Atkinson, Township Clerk