

RESOLUTION NO. 290-A

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF Northumberland,  
Northumberland COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN SUPPORT OF  
CONTINUATION OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

WHEREAS, Federal Revenue Sharing has been most beneficial to the Boroughs in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Federal Revenue Sharing has enabled Boroughs to assist public safety, improve social services, provide thousands of jobs through municipal construction and improvement projects and to maintain real property taxes at reasonable levels; and

WHEREAS, Federal Revenue Sharing funds are provided by the most equitable form of taxation on a national basis primarily in proportion to the income of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain and continue the present level of service to the residents of the Borough of Northumberland, it is deemed necessary that the program of Federal Revenue Sharing be continued indefinitely; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Northumberland hereby resolves as follows:

1. Congress of the United States is strongly urged to continue indefinitely the program of Federal Revenue Sharing which is vital to the needs of our community.
2. Any legislation to be considered by the Congress for the continuation of Federal Revenue Sharing is specifically endorsed and the concept of Federal Revenue Sharing is enthusiastically supported.
3. Certified copies of this resolution shall be directed to the Pennsylvania Senators and Congressman and to the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs to encourage continuation of Federal Revenue Sharing.

RESOLVED, This 7th day of January, 1975.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF Northumberland

Jan H. Sanders  
Secretary

By Robert L. Walt  
President of Council

SEAL

STATE REVENUE SHARING

WHEREAS, boroughs, cities, townships and counties are facing a financial crisis due to factors over which they have little or no control, such as compulsory arbitration pay increases for police and firemen, increased pension and fringe benefits, general inflation, interest cost of borrowing, and cutbacks in federal aid; and

WHEREAS, the new Federal law relating to minimum wages and over-time, and State-mandated programs such as waste management and sewage facilities impose even greater costs on local government at a time when inflation is having a much more severe impact on local government than on State government; and

WHEREAS, boroughs, cities, townships and counties are faced with the alternatives of either cutting back on essential local services or raising the local property tax on homeowners and businesses and regressive taxes on persons who are already tax burdened; and

WHEREAS, Federal Revenue Sharing has already demonstrated the importance of providing financial assistance to local governments as a means of easing the local tax burden and giving local officials generally unrestricted discretion for the expenditure of such funds on locally determined priorities; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the Pennsylvania Legislature which proposes to allocate to local units a portion of State personal income tax revenues which will ease the financial crunch on boroughs, cities, townships and counties and help to reduce the need for further local property and personal tax increases; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Borough of Northumberland urges the Governor and the Pennsylvania Legislature to give the highest priority to the immediate enactment of legislation to provide a substantial allocation in State Revenue Sharing for boroughs, cities, townships and counties which is an essential element in alleviating the plight of boroughs, cities, townships and counties and in relieving the overburdened local taxes.

1/7/75

DATE

Robert L. Walz, Pres  
SIGNED

Jane A. Sanders  
ATTEST Borough Secretary

cc: Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs