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WHEREAS, The future of viable municipal government in Maryland is dependent upon adequate resources to pay for municipal services; and

WHEREAS, Municipal officials are concerned that the citizens of our cities and towns be taxed equitably; and,

WHEREAS, There are inherent weaknesses in our present local fiscal structure, including double property taxation for services performed by municipalities and a general inability to move away from the use of the generally regressive property tax to the direct use of the equitable and productive income tax; and,

WHEREAS, Legislation has been introduced in the Senate and House of Delegates to bring imaginative relief in both of these areas; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 663 and House Bill 1296 would provide a process for establishing a property tax differential between counties and municipalities for services performed by the municipalities and Senate Bill 735 would establish a totally new approach to a system of revenue sharing which would bring a share of State income tax revenues collected in the municipalities back to the municipalities on the basis of tax effort and fiscal need; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN, That we strongly support both of these measures and commend their sponsors for their introduction; and be it further


Resolved, That we urge immediate action on these measures by the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge the Senator and Delegates from Saint Mary's County to give their fullest support to these bills and actively seek their enactment this year; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution will be sent to Senator Paul J. Bailey and Delegates John Hanson Briscoe and James M. McKay, and to the Maryland Municipal League.

Passed at Special Meeting of Commissioners of Leonardtown held on the 22nd day of March 1971.

COMMISSIONERS OF LEONARDTOWN

By: 
R. Bascom Broun, III

President