

**East Lampeter Township  
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania**

**Resolution No. 2019- 18**

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE LANCASTER COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE AND REQUEST TO THE LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO CONTINUE THIS VITAL COUNTY INITIATIVE IN 2020 AND BEYOND BY FULLY FUNDING THE PROGRAM IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER.

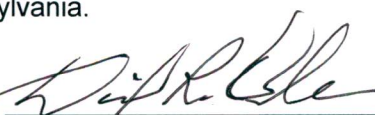
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of East Lampeter Township, Lancaster County seek to notify the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners that the Township deems the Drug Task Force (DTF) as a vital and necessary public safety operation of the County.


**WHEREAS**, the funding mechanism that was developed in 1992 by the Board of Commissioners is not sustainable due to a heavy reliance on voluntary donations from each Lancaster County municipality set at a rate of one dollar (\$1) per capita.

**WHEREAS**, the voluntary municipal donation amount has not changed since 1992, but costs for operating the DTF have greatly increased due to the opioid crisis and the need to hire more staff and purchase equipment to deter the distribution of illegal drugs in our communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of East Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania strongly request the Lancaster County Commissioners fully fund the Lancaster County Drug Task Force for the calendar year 2020 by adding an additional line item in the county budget that addresses all projected shortfalls with sufficient funds appropriated for funding at a minimum the same number of officers that were on duty at the beginning of 2019. Further be it resolved, that the funding model and operations of the DTF shall be re-evaluated beginning in January 2020 in order to develop a long-term, sustainable organization going forward in years 2021 and beyond, and that the county end reliance on voluntary donations and forfeiture funds as a means of funding a critical, countywide public safety program. Further be it resolved that municipalities, especially those that subsidize an officer to serve in the program, shall be involved in and fully engaged in these discussions to revitalize this county led initiative for the benefit of all Lancaster County residents.

**DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED** this 21 day of OCTOBER, 2019, by the Board of Supervisors of East Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Attest:   
Secretary

By:   
(Vice) Chairman