

**BELLEFONTE BOROUGH
RESOLUTION NO. 09162024-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEFONTE, COUNTY OF CENTRE,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING PA STATE HOUSE BILL 451

WHEREAS, municipalities across Pennsylvania are facing difficulties with a high number of tax-exempt properties, and;

WHEREAS, House Bill 451, sponsored by Representative Bob Freeman, aims to provide annual financial assistance to municipalities where 15% or more of the overall assessed property value is tax-exempt, and;

WHEREAS, House Bill 451 would create The Tax-Exempt Property Municipal Assistance Fund which would be financed with revenue from the 18% liquor tax in Pennsylvania, which was originally established to help rebuild Johnstown after the 1936 flood, and;

WHEREAS, The Tax-Exempt Property Municipal Assistance Fund would annually distribute to municipalities across Pennsylvania approximately \$500 million in funds to compensate for tax-exempt properties, and;

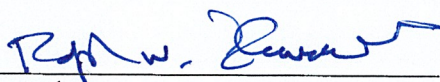
WHEREAS, preliminary payment estimates by the Pennsylvania Economy League state Bellefonte Borough could receive roughly \$500,000 per year if House Bill 451 is signed into law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bellefonte Borough Council fully supports House Bill 451 and strongly encourages our legislators in the Pennsylvania General Assembly to support this important legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be transmitted to State Representative Benninghoff, State Senator Dush, and the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.

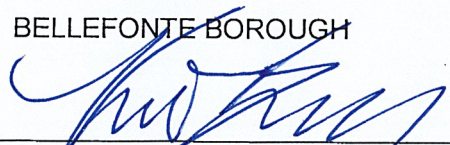
THIS RESOLUTION adopted by the Council of Bellefonte at a duly assembled public meeting held this 16th Day of September 2024.

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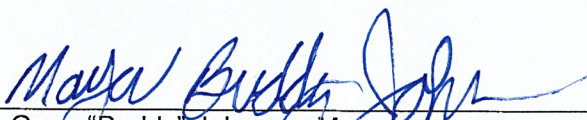


Secretary

BELLEFONTE BOROUGH

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Gene "Buddy" Johnson, Mayor