RESOLUTION NO. 2015- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RESTORATION OF LANGUAGE THAT ALLOWS THE CITIES OF BETHLEHEM AND ALLENTOWN TO RECEIVE FUNDING AND MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THEIR RESPECTIVE 911 CENTERS

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bethlehem has provided 911 service to its residents since 1934; and

**WHEREAS**, since that time, Bethlehem has continued to be a leader in providing fast and efficient 911 services to its residents including Enhanced 911, Wireless 911, Text to 911, and now Next Generation 911 technologies which include recently upgraded phone, radio, and dispatch capabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bethlehem recognizes the need to be fiscally responsible with all public monies; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has again taken a leadership role in the creation of a regional 911 initiative involving 13 PSAPs, whose goal is to share 911 services with the other Public Safety Answering Points in our area. The goal of the shared services effort is not only to enhance 911 services for the region, but also reduce the overall cost of the 911 system; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the firm opinion of this Council that any regional consolidation of 911 services should be evaluated and decided at a local level, not mandated by the Commonwealth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. The City Council of Bethlehem strongly requests the legislators of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to restore the language that allows the Cities of Bethlehem and Allentown to receive funding and maintain control of their respective 911 Centers to the current Title 35 rewrite legislation.

 Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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ADOPTED by Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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 President of Council

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 City Clerk