

BOROUGH OF MARIETTA
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION 2021-07

**A RESOLUTION OF MARIETTA BOROUGH COUNCIL OF MARIETTA, LANCASTER COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND
FURTHER REQUESTING THAT THE LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INITIATE
A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION RELATED TO
ESTABLISHING A COUNTY WIDE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the “Local Health Administration Law,” Act 315 approved August 24, 2951, P.L. 1304, as amended, as found in 16 P.S. § 12001, et seq., sets forth the following legislative findings and purposes at section 2, 16 P.S § 12002;

- (a) The protection and promotion of the health of the people in the furtherance of human well-being, industrial and agricultural productivity and the national security is one of the highest duties of the Commonwealth.
- (b) This cardinal duty can be performed only when adequate local public health services are available to all the people of the Commonwealth, when these services are maintained at a high level of professional and technical performance, and when they are administered according to units of population sufficiently large to enable full-time modern health services to be provided on the most economical basis by local communities working in partnership with the Commonwealth.
- (c) These aims can best be achieved by empowering counties to establish county departments of health, and by authorizing State grants to county departments of health and to certain municipalities to enable them to reach or maintain a high level of performance of health services;

WHEREAS, the Marietta Borough Council (“Council”) strongly agrees with and supports the legislative findings and purposes of the Act;

WHEREAS, Lancaster County covers over 950 square miles, have nearly 550,000 residents, includes 60 local municipalities and has 17 school districts;

WHEREAS, because of the size, population and diversity of Lancaster County, establishing a county wide department of health will allow for a high level of professional and technical performance that can administer modern health services on the most economical basis throughout the County;

WHEREAS, a county department of health would be able to obtain state funding to help provide the expertise and resources necessary to offer a full range of public health services to County residents and also to provide support to local municipalities;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have determined that establishing a Lancaster County Department of Health pursuant to the Act is critical for the protection and promotion of the health and safety of Marietta Borough residents as well as for all residents of Lancaster County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Marietta, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, by this Resolution, hereby declares its support for the prompt establishment of a Lancaster County Department of Health and request that the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners initiate a working group to evaluate and make a recommendation related to establishing a county wide health department by the end of 2021, if not before.

DULY ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2021, by Borough Council of the Borough of Marietta, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

Attest:

BOROUGH OF MARIETTA
Marietta Borough Council

Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Glen Mazis, President

Council members:

Fredrick States, Vice-President
Jeffery Marsh
William Dalzell
Jeffrey Hudson
Rebecca Carroll-Baltozer
Louis McKinney
Harold Kulman, Mayor