



RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NORTH BRENTWOOD, MARYLAND URGING THE GOVERNOR AND MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REINSTATE STATE SHARED REVENUE WHICH HAS BEEN DIVERTED FROM MARYLAND CITIES AND TOWNS TO FUND STATE OPERATIONS; OR REQUESTING THEY PROVIDE FOR A MORE DIVERSE REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY FOR MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS, the State has slashed essential State-shared revenues which historically have provided to municipal governments, on average, by more than 75% for this current fiscal year and by more than 90% for many municipalities; and

WHEREAS, future budgets approved by the Administration and the Maryland General Assembly continue these significant and untenable cuts to cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments more than any other government form in Maryland rely on the property tax as their primary general fund revenue source; and

WHEREAS, increases in property tax rates, cutbacks in local service provision, elimination of local road projects, and reductions in workforce are the sole options left to municipalities to offset this devastating loss of general fund revenues; and incorporated municipalities' extremely narrow taxing authority prevents them from raising alternative funds to lost highway user revenues and police aid that have been diverted to balance the state's general fund; and

WHEREAS, this issue is of significant importance to the Town of North Brentwood and it is critical that the Administration and Maryland General Assembly take action needed to rectify this serious problem; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of North Brentwood supports the efforts of the Maryland Municipal League to reinstate lost state funding for municipal governments and to create alternative municipal funding mechanisms;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of North Brentwood requests that the Governor for this upcoming and following fiscal years, to submit a proposed budget to the General Assembly reinstating to municipal governments full funding for the highway user revenues; or the Maryland General Assembly enact and the Governor sign into law enabling legislation to significantly broaden the authority of incorporated municipalities to raise own-source revenues to reduce the reliance of cities and towns on the property tax to fund their municipal government services.
Read and passed this 16th day of February, 2016

By Order Petrella A. Robinson, I hereby certify that Resolution 2016-01 is true and correct and duly adopted by the Council of the Town of North Brentwood, Maryland.

Attest/Witness:

Carl Jones
Clerk, Carl Jones

Approved by

Petrella Robinson
Name: Petrella Robinson

Title: Mayor (chief elected official)

Aaron Baynes
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Date 2/16/2016