A RESOLUTION

Urging the Congress of the United States, the President of the United States and the Environmental Protection Agency to delay the requirements of the MS4 storm water management program for a period of two years in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

WHEREAS, The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (62 Stat. 1155, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) allows the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate water pollution through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System by requiring regulated municipalities and other entities to create storm water management plans and obtain permits for discharges of storm water from their municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s); and

WHEREAS, In seeking to comply with this mandate from the EPA as enforced by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, municipalities in this Commonwealth have increasingly begun placing tremendous economic burdens on our residents, businesses and property owners by imposing new or increased fees on them; and
WHEREAS, Residents and businesses throughout this Commonwealth are facing unprecedented challenges because of the COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, Federal, State and local governments must take action to relieve economic burdens on individuals and businesses who are struggling during these trying times to facilitate our country's economic recovery and ensure that our citizens can keep as much of their money as possible for essential needs;

therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United States, the President of the United States and the Environmental Protection Agency to delay the requirements of the MS4 storm water management program for a period of two years in response to the COVID-19 crisis; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United States to enact legislation delaying mandated compliance deadlines for states and municipalities of the MS4 storm water management program for a period of two years to facilitate economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President of the United States and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to extend compliance deadlines for states and municipalities of the MS4 storm water management program for a period of two years to facilitate economic recovery from the COVID-19 crisis; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress, each member of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, October 19, 2020
the Environmental Protection Agency and the President of the United States.