

**RESOLUTION R-2020-10
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

***A Resolution by the Luzerne County Council Approving the Settlement of Pending
Litigation in the Matter of Deleon Major, Administrator of the Estates of Devon Major and
Ezekiel Major v. Luzerne County Children and Youth Services, et al***

WHEREAS, Section 4.07.B.3 of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter provides the County Manager shall have the authority to recommend the settlement of litigation involving the County, subject to the approval of County Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.09.B.5 of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter provides that County Council shall have the power to approve, by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the Council members, a recommendation by the County Manager to settle litigation involving the County; and

WHEREAS, Deleon Major, as Administrator of the Estates of his minor children, Devon Major and Ezekiel Major, filed suit against Luzerne County Children & Youth Services, Philadelphia Department of Human Services, Division of Children Youth and the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, the basis of the Complaint was the negligence on behalf of the entities in placing the minor children in the care of their natural mother and failing to properly supervise mother which he claims resulted in their deaths; and

WHEREAS, Deleon Major, as Administrator of the Estates of Devon Major and Ezekiel Major has agreed to settle his claims against Luzerne County; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Manager has recommended settlement of the above-captioned litigation; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council also desires to resolve the pending litigation in this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Council approves the settlement of pending litigation for all claims asserted against Luzerne County Children and Youth Services in the matter of Delon Major, Administrator of the Estate of Devon Major and Administrator of the Estate of Ezekiel Major v. Luzerne County Children & Youth Services, for the **amount of \$10,000.00, with \$5,000.00 as the contribution of Luzerne County.** This settlement is a full and complete settlement and release of any and all claims Deleon Major has against Luzerne County.

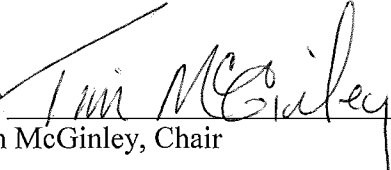
This resolution shall become effective six days after adoption.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Luzerne County Council held on January 28, 2020.

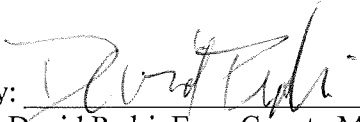
ROLL CALL VOTE (11-0)

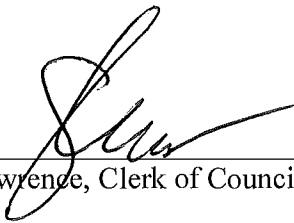
YES: Griffith, Haas, Houck, McDermott, McGinley, Perry, Radle, Saidman, Schnee, SJ Urban, and Vough

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: 
Tim McGinley, Chair

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

By: 
C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager

Attest: 
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council