RESOLUTION R-2020-89 LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

A Resolution of Luzerne County Council to Reprimand the County Councilman Walter L. Griffith, Jr. for violation of the Rules and Procedures of Operation for the Luzerne County Council Based on Conduct Relating to the July 28, 2020 Council Meeting.

WHEREAS, the Rules and Procedures of Operation for The Luzerne County Council at Article III sets forth rules for Council Member Conduct as follows:

Rule 1A.: Member Conduct:

Members shall at all times conduct themselves with courtesy and respect for their fellow officeholders, the Executive and members of the administration, county employees, and the public, and shall discharge their duties in accordance with the high public trust placed in them.

WHEREAS, a post was made on Facebook about Councilwoman Kendra Radle and Councilwoman Lee Ann McDermott. The post was then commented on and shared by Councilman Walter L. Griffith, Jr.. The comment read "these two are huge disappointments for the Luzerne County Republican Party that tan [sic] on a platform of accountability and standing up for taxpayers."

WHEREAS, Councilman Walter L. Griffith, Jr., based on his conduct on or about July 28-29, 2020 did not conduct himself with courtesy and respect for fellow council members; and

WHEREAS, the County Council desires to reprimand the Councilman Walter L. Griffith, Jr. for such actions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Council hereby reprimands Councilman Walter L. Griffith, Jr regarding the violation of the Rules and Procedures of Operation for The Luzerne County Council at Article III sets forth rules for Council Member Conduct.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

ADOPTED at a meeting of Luzerne County Council held on August 11, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE (7-4)

YES: McDermott, McGinley, Perry, Radle, Saidman, Schnee and Vough

NO: Griffith, Haas, Houck and SJ Urban

Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Attest:

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

Tim McGinley, Chair

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager