

**RESOLUTION R-2020-105
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

A Resolution of Luzerne County Council Initiating an Inquiry into the Luzerne County Bureau of Elections and Voter Registration Policies, Procedures, and Practices

WHEREAS, Section 2.09.B.9 of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter and Section 2.08 of the Luzerne County Administrative Code provides that County Council has the authority to initiate investigations and inquiries of County government as it determines are in the best interests of the County; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council has concerns and questions regarding Luzerne County Bureau of Elections and Voter Registration Policies, Practices, and Procedures; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council hereby determines that an Inquiry into Luzerne County Bureau of Elections and Voter Registration Policies, Practices, and Procedures is in the best interest of Luzerne County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Council hereby initiates an Inquiry as authorized by the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter and the Luzerne County Administrative Code into the Policies, Practices, and Procedures of Luzerne County Bureau of Elections and Voter Registration. This inquiry shall examine the policies, practices, and procedures involving all aspects of Bureau operation, including but not limited to its supervision and direction, staffing, and all activities surrounding the development, deployment, receipt, and handling of ballots and all voting returns, in order to facilitate best practices in all areas of operation and to ensure the conduct of authentic and valid elections in Luzerne County. This inquiry shall comply with Section 2.08 of the Luzerne County Administrative Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Luzerne County Council shall create an Ad Hoc committee to oversee the Inquiry. Members of this Ad Hoc Committee shall include no fewer than three County Council members selected by the Chair of County Council.

This resolution shall become effective within six (6) days of its adoption.

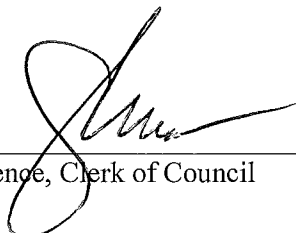
ADOPTED at a meeting of the Luzerne County Council held on this, the 13th day of October, 2020.

ROLL CALL VOTE (10-0)

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

Attest: _____

Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council



LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: Tim McGinley
Tim McGinley, Chair

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

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