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RESOLUTION 2017-02
AMENDING RESOLUTION 2016-08

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania law provides for the municipalities to authorize the issuance of licenses for eligible organizations to conduct small games of chance, all as more fully set forth in the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, "the Act", and particularly codified 10 Pennsylvania Statutes Sec. 301 et seq. as amended by the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act Omnibus Amendments Act of February 2, 2012, P.L. 7, No.2; and

WHEREAS, Cooke Township Supervisors desire to assist and foster nonprofit organizations in their fundraising efforts in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Act permits the governing body of municipalities to have the referendum question placed on the primary election ballot in a municipal election year, by adoption of a resolution to that effect;

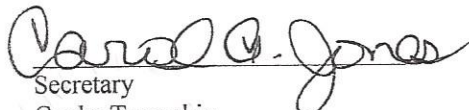
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, and it is so resolved, that Cooke Township Supervisors by a majority vote held at the regular meeting held February 7, 2017, do direct the Cumberland County Board of Elections to cause the following question to be placed on the ballot for the primary election to be held Tuesday, May 16, 2017, to wit:

"Do you favor the issuance of licenses to conduct small games of chance in the Township of Cooke?"

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Solicitor shall file a copy of this Resolution with the Cumberland County Board of Elections forthwith.

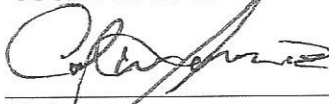
RESOLVED AND ENACTED this 7th day of February, 2017.


ATTEST:


Secretary
Cooke Township

SEAL

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COOKE TOWNSHIP


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Supervisor

Cooke Township Small Games of Chance Ballot Question

May 16, 2017

Do you favor the issuance of licenses to conduct small games of	YES
chance in the Township of Cooke	NO

Plain English Statement pursuant to Section 201.1 of the Pennsylvania Election Code

Under Pennsylvania law, municipalities have the right (termed “local option”) to choose whether licenses may be granted to eligible organizations within their borders. Currently, Cooke Township does not permit any Small Games of Chance to be conducted within the township. This means no organization conducts Small Games of Chance within Cooke Township for public service funding.

This ballot question, if approved by the voters, authorizes the Cumberland County Treasurer to grant Small Games of Chance licenses allowing “eligible organizations” to conduct Small Games of Chance for public service funding within Cooke Township. Eligible organizations are certain nonprofit organizations; no individuals are qualified to obtain licenses under the State statute. Should this question be approved, the number of licenses and the decision to issue or deny such licenses is made by the Cumberland County Treasurer’s Office based upon the application submitted and a determination by that Office that the organization is an “eligible” organization as defined by the State statute. The Treasurer’s Office further determines that the organization is conducting permitted Small Games of Chance for public service funding and meets all other requirements for issuance of a license. To obtain a license, the nonprofit organization must be conducting the games for the purpose of raising funds for the promotion of “public interest purposes”.