

City of Dover

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2010-08

A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL JOBS FOR AMERICA ACT

WHEREAS, the City of Dover employs 394 workers in jobs ranging from city administration to trash collection, and public safety;

WHEREAS, despite signs of national economic recovery, the City of Dover continues to face significant budget shortfalls due to the loss of revenues from property taxes, construction permits, and real estate transfer taxes; and

WHEREAS, the loss of revenues is significant enough that it may force the City of Dover to keep important jobs vacant, including police officers, and others who provide critical services; and

WHEREAS, such vacancies contribute to an increase in the lack of fiscal stability for this community, and further contribute to the nation's unemployment rate just as the economy begins to recover; and

WHEREAS, federal aid will be necessary if the City of Dover is to avoid reducing public services, increasing police and other job vacancies, or significant increases in taxes to pay the salaries of these employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dover endorses H.R. 4812, the "Local Jobs for America Act," because it would assist cities across America including Dover, community-based organizations, and private employers to retain and hire new employees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Dover supports the funding levels proposed in this legislation, including:

- \$75 billion over two years to local governments and community-based organizations to retain or create public service jobs designed to ensure that city and other services are maintained;
- \$23 billion to local school districts for one year so that they may retain and create up to 250,000 new jobs;
- \$1.18 billion so that local governments may employ 5,500 new law enforcement and \$500 million to retain, rehire, and hire firefighters; and
- Funding for 50,000 on-the-job private-sector training positions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Dover supports H.R. 4812 because it would prevent state and local governments from having to choose between eliminating services and raising taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Dover supports H.R. 4812 because it would help stimulate local businesses and create additional jobs in the local economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Dover urges Congress and the President to adopt H.R. 4812 into law and fund the provisions outlined in the legislation immediately so that cities and towns across America can retain existing employees and provide employment opportunities in the public and private sectors.

ADOPTED: JULY 26, 2010

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MAYOR

KENNETH L. HOGAN
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Actions History:

July 26, 2010 - Considered by Legislative, Finance, and Administrative Committee

July 12, 2010 - Deferred by Legislative, Finance, and Administrative Committee