

**GETTYSBURG BOROUGH**

**ADAMS COUNTY**

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 31494**

**A RESOLUTION OF GETTYSBURG BOROUGH AUTHORIZING  
AND DIRECTING THE EMERGENCY SUCCESSION OF MUNICIPAL  
OFFICERS AND THE CONTINUITY OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.**

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Sections 779.6 and 779.7 of the Emergency Interim Executive and Judicial Succession Act of 1959 (71 P.S. 779.1 et seq.) all municipalities of the Commonwealth are authorized to enact resolutions or ordinances in order to assure the continuity of government through a legally constituted leadership process that will provide for the effective operations of Municipal government during an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of Gettysburg Borough, Adams County desires to establish a lawful order of succession to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of municipal government in the event that one or more Council Members are absent or unable to exercise his or her powers and duties of office during an emergency that occurs within this Municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of Gettysburg Borough believes that the public health, safety, and welfare of all the residents of this Municipality will be better served and protected by the adoption of this resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Borough Council of Gettysburg, Adams County, as follows:

Section 1. This Resolution shall take effect whenever any Borough Council Member of Gettysburg Borough is unavailable to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of his or her office during the occurrence of any man-made disaster, natural disaster, or war-caused disaster as defined by Section 7102 of the Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C.S. 7101 et seq), as amended. Unavailable shall mean either that a vacancy in a Council Member's office exists and there is no individual authorized to exercise all of the powers and discharge the duties of that office or that the lawful incumbent Council Member(s) is absent from the Municipality or unable to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of his or her office due to illness, accident or injury, or some other preventive circumstance.

Section 2. During the occurrence of any man-made disaster, natural disaster, or war-caused disaster in Gettysburg Borough and the unavailability of any Council Member, the following order of succession shall be exercised in order to assure the continuity of County government:

SUCCESSORS                      Jean E. Simpson \_\_\_\_\_, President

- (1) JAY R. SCHMITT, SR. \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) HOLLIDAY GILES \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) RICHARD KREISHER \_\_\_\_\_

SUCCESSORS                      Jay R. Schmitt, Sr. \_\_\_\_\_, Vice President

- (1) HOLLIDAY GILES \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) RICHARD KREISHER \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) JOHN MURPHY \_\_\_\_\_

SUCCESSORS                      Holliday Giles \_\_\_\_\_, Council Member

- (1) RICHARD KREISHER \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) JOHN MURPHY \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) JOHN ELINE \_\_\_\_\_

SUCCESSORS

William E. Troxell, Council Member

- (1) JOHN MURPHY
- (2) JOHN ELINE
- (3) ROBERT ZELLNER

SUCCESSORS

Margaret S. Gustafson, Council Member

- (1) JOHN ELINE
- (2) ROBERT ZELLNER
- (3) WILLIAM TROXELL

SUCCESSORS

John C. Eline, Council Member

- (1) ROBERT ZELLNER
- (2) WILLIAM TROXELL
- (3) MARGARET GUSTAFSON

SUCCESSORS

John A. Murphy, Council Member

- (1) MARGARET GUSTAFSON
- (2) JEAN SIMPSON
- (3) JAY SCHMITT, SR.

SUCCESSORS

Robert F. Zellner, Council Member

- (1) WILLIAM TROXELL
- (2) MARGARET GUSTAFSON
- (3) JEAN SIMPSON



SUCCESSORS

Richard M. Kreisher, Council Member

- (1) JEAN SIMPSON
- (2) JAY SCHMITT, SR.
- (3) HOLLIDAY GILES

Section 3. Each succeeding Acting Council Member listed above shall, during the occurrence of a disaster, assume and discharge the powers and duties of any unavailable Council Member, and shall retain those powers and duties until the unavailable Supervisor, is able to resume the exercise of the powers and discharge the duties of his or her office or until such time as a vacancy which may exist shall be filled in accordance with the law.

Section 4. The order of succession listed in Section 2 of this Resolution shall be revised whenever a vacancy occurs and a new Council Member is appointed to fill that vacancy. Otherwise, at the first organizational meeting held at the beginning of each new term of office, the elected Council Member or Council Members shall adopt a Resolution that contains a renewed order of succession that will provide for the continuity of Municipal government during that term of office.

Section 5. All other municipal elected officers shall designate, by order of succession, three deputies or emergency interim successors to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of his or her office whenever the elected officer is unavailable during the occurrence of any man-made disaster, natural disaster, or war-caused disaster. A written list of the designated successors for each officer shall be delivered to the Municipal Emergency Management Agency for verification purposes.

Section 6. All resolutions or parts of resolutions heretofore enacted, as those resolutions shall be inconsistent with this Resolution, shall be and are expressly repealed and are declared to be null and void.

Section 7. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Secretary of Gettysburg Borough Adams County, Gettysburg Pennsylvania, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution which was duly adopted by a majority vote of the entire Borough Council at a meeting duly convened according to law and held on MARCH 14, 1994; said Resolution has been duly recorded in the minutes of the Gettysburg Borough Council; and that said Resolution remains in effect, unaltered and unamended as of the date of this Certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my hand and official seal of Gettysburg Borough this 15TH day of MARCH, 1994.

(Seal)

Sara L. Weaver

Sara Weaver, Secretary

DULY ADOPTED BY THE Gettysburg Borough Council, County of Adams,  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled this 14TH day of  
MARCH, 1994.

Gettysburg Borough  
County of Adams  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

By: Jean E. Simpson  
Jean E. Simpson, President

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Attest:

(SEAL)

Sara L. Weaver  
Sara Weaver, Borough Secretary