

No. 02-09-RE

## A RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pledging the efforts of Allegheny County to spend economic recovery plan funds on products and services that both create jobs and help keep Americans employed, purchase products and services that are made or performed within the United States to the extent possible with economic recovery funds, and publish any request to waive these procurement priorities.

**WHEREAS**, the economic downturn is having a critical impact on everyday Americans who are struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult environment; and

**WHEREAS**, those same Americans are the taxpayers that provide the revenue needed to operate essential government services; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress and President Obama are planning a taxpayer-sponsored economic recovery package that will provide billions of dollars to help economically devastated cities and states immediately provide jobs to millions of out-of-work Americans through considerable infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects and other projects that will require manufactured components; and

**WHEREAS**, our taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the creation of American jobs and restoring the economic vitality of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, any domestically produced products that are purchased with economic recovery plan monies will immediately help struggling American families and will help stabilize our greater economy; and

**WHEREAS**, any economic recovery plan spending should – to every extent possible – include a commitment from local and state governments to buy materials, goods and services for projects from companies that are produced within the United States, thus employing the very workers that pay the taxes for the economic recovery plan spending in the first place;

***The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby resolves as follows:***

**Section 1.** Allegheny County pledges that it will work to maximize the creation of American jobs and restoring economic growth and opportunity by spending economic recovery plan funds on products and services that both create jobs and help keep Americans employed.

**Section 2.** Allegheny County hereby commits to purchasing only products and services that are made or performed in the United States of America whenever and wherever possible with any economic recovery monies provided to the County by the American taxpayers.

**Section 3.** As legislators of Allegheny County, we commit to publish any requests to waive these procurement priorities so as to give American workers and producers the opportunity to identify and provide the American products and services that will maximize the success of our nation's economic recovery program.

**Section 4. Severability.** *If any provision of this Resolution shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Resolution which shall be in full force and effect.*

**Section 5. Repealer.** *Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Resolution is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Resolution.*

**PRIMARY SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBER DeFAZIO**

**CO-SPONSORS: COUNCIL PRESIDENT FITZGERALD, COUNCIL MEMBERS GREEN, MACEY, FINNERTY, CLEARY, MCCULLOUGH, ROBINSON, & ELLENBOGEN**

Enacted in Council, this 3rd day of February, 2009

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Rich Fitzgerald  
President of Council

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John Mascio  
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office February 13, 2009

Approved: Dan Onorato  
Dan Onorato  
Chief Executive

Attest: Donna Beltz  
Donna Beltz  
Executive's Secretary