

**SILVER SPRING TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-29**

**Supporting SB 745:**

**Establishing the Electronic Publication of Legal Notices Act**

**Whereas**, the current laws governing publication of local government actions are outdated and result in wasteful spending of taxpayer dollars; and

**Whereas**, transparent government does not have to mean the inefficient use of resources; and

**Whereas**, a 2006 Penn State study estimated local government advertising costs at \$26 million; and

**Whereas**, Silver Spring Township spent \$3,249.87 in 2016 on public notices placed in local print media; and

**Whereas**, local government's use of technological advances in electronic media can provide citizens with equal, if not greater, access to information more quickly, efficiently and cost effectively; and

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 745 of 2017 authorizes local government entities to use electronic publication to notify its constituents of its various actions; and

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 745 contemplates a searchable statewide database accessible to all citizens; and

**Whereas**, use of the database would fulfill Silver Spring Township's current print media advertising requirements; and

**Whereas**, the cost incurred by Silver Spring Township would be limited to user fees reflecting the actual cost of administering the database; and

**Whereas**, the Office of Open Records is charged with database administration.

**Therefore, Be It Resolved:** Silver Spring Township supports Senate Bill 745 providing local government entities with the option to use a statewide database for publication of its various actions and notices.

**ADOPTED THIS** 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017 by the Silver Spring Township Board of Supervisors.

**ATTEST:**

  
Theresa Eberly, Secretary

  
Nancy Konhaus Griffie, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors