Easton, Pennsylvania                                      January 5, 2015

The 2015 organizational meeting of the Northampton County Council was held on the above date with the following present: Margaret L. Ferraro, President; Glenn A. Geissinger, Vice-President; Mathew M. Benol (via telephone); Kenneth M. Kraft; Lamont G. McClure, Jr. (via telephone); Scott Parsons; Hayden Phillips; Seth Vaughn; Robert F. Werner; Linda M. Zembo, Acting Clerk to Council, and Philip D. Lauer, Solicitor to Council.

Prayer

Mrs. Ferraro led County Council in a moment of silence to open the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kraft led County Council in the pledge of allegiance.

Courtesy of the Floor

Mr. John A. Brown, County Executive, stated Capital Blue Cross informed him that as of 3:00 p.m. today all issues pertaining to the prescription plan have been rectified and the employees would receive instructions on how to get reimbursements for transactions conducted over the last few days.

Selection of County Council Officers

Mrs. Ferraro advised the Northampton County Home Rule Charter Section 206. Organization provides that County Council shall hold a meeting on the first Monday of January of each year, at which it shall elect one of its members as President and another member as Vice President. The County Council may transact any other business it may deem necessary at this meeting.

Mrs. Ferraro stated for the public’s information no business, other than the selection of the Council officers was scheduled to be considered at this meeting. She further stated the first business meeting of County Council will be held on
Thursday, January 8, 2015, commencing at 6:30 p.m.

President of County Council

Mrs. Ferraro asked if there were any nominations for the Office of Council President.

Mr. Geissinger nominated Mrs. Ferraro.

Mr. Phillips seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Ferraro asked if there were any other nominations.

As there were no further nominations, Mrs. Ferraro declared the nominations for County Council President closed.

Mrs. Ferraro called for the vote.


Mrs. Zembo announced that Mrs. Ferraro was selected by a vote of 7-1, with 1 abstention.

Vice-President of County Council

Mrs. Ferraro asked if there were any nominations for the Office of Council Vice-President.

Mr. Phillips nominated Mr. Geissinger.

Mrs. Ferraro seconded the nomination.

Mr. McClure nominated Mr. Kraft.

Mr. Werner seconded the nomination.

As there were no further nominations, Mrs. Ferraro declared the nomination for County Council Vice President closed.

Mrs. Ferraro called for the vote.
The vote: Werner, "Kraft"; Benol, "Geissinger"; Vaughn, "Geissinger"; Ferraro, "Geissinger"; Phillips, "Geissinger"; Kraft, "Kraft"; McClure, "Kraft"; Parsons, "Kraft" and Geissinger, "Geissinger".

Mrs. Zembo announce that Mr. Geissinger was selected by a vote of 5-4.

Adjournment

Mr. McClure made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Werner seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by acclamation.

Linda M. Zembo
Acting Clerk to Council