

**Resolution #3315**

**Addressing the Consequences of Missed Commonwealth Budget Deadlines**

WHEREAS, the counties, school districts, and municipalities of Pennsylvania must enact timely budgets every year; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has missed at least a dozen budget deadlines in the last 25 years; and

WHEREAS, these delays have cost county taxpayers, with counties often not reimbursed for the financial impacts of budget delays; and

WHEREAS, many counties have been forced to borrow money to continue operations due to these delays; and

WHEREAS, severe delays in the past have threatened to increase property taxes for county residents, with the potential for this to occur again in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the failure of the Governor and Legislature to pass a budget on time exacerbates these issues; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania House and Senate have recessed until after Labor Day, leaving counties to guess the entire 12 months of the Commonwealth budget for 2026, which is an unjust burden; and

WHEREAS, the current system is deemed irresponsible and detrimental to the welfare of county taxpayers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Warren urges the Governor and the Legislature of Pennsylvania to prioritize their responsibilities and work collaboratively to finalize a budget without further delay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor and the Legislature should not adjourn until a budget is in place, ensuring the fiscal stability of counties and protecting our mutual constituents from undue financial strain.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025

COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY



Kenneth L. Klakamp

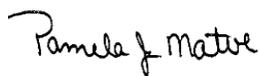
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