Introduced by: Councilmember Robinson

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION #2011-9

Resolution Supporting HB 121 and SB 168, The Lorraine Sheehan Health and Community Services Act of 2011

WHEREAS, the Lorraine Sheehan Act would increase alcohol taxes by ten cents per drink in the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the additional revenue raised would be divided as follows: 15% to the Development Disability Support Fund, 15% to the Addiction Treatment and Prevention Fund, 15% to the Mental Health Care Fund, and 42.25% to the Maryland Medicaid Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, alcohol taxes in Maryland were last raised in 1972 and Maryland’s alcohol taxes are among the lowest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council feels that raising the alcohol tax is an appropriate means to increase revenue for these health-related programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park urges the Maryland General Assembly to provide a Favorable Report on the Lorraine Sheehan Health and Community Services Act of 2011.

ADOPTED THIS 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011.

ATTEST:

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Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk