

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:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk