

BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Six

Resolution 96-5

To submit to the Massachusetts Legislative Delegation an Act which proposes to restructure Barnstable County Government.

WHEREAS, For years various legislators have examined regional governance in Massachusetts and initiated legislation that would abolish county governments across the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS, The usefulness of many counties in Massachusetts has declined steadily and have placed financial burdens on the Commonwealth while Barnstable County remains strong and financially solvent;

WHEREAS, The demands of the next century will call for regional cooperation for municipalities;

WHEREAS, Barnstable County has distinct geographical boundaries encompassing its fifteen towns;

WHEREAS, The Assembly of Delegates and the Board of County Commissioners have met with the Boards of Selectmen and constituents in the fifteen towns throughout the County and received no major opposition to the restructuring;

WHEREAS, Barnstable County has an adopted Home Rule Charter, Chapter 163 of the Acts of 1988, and a regional planning agency established by Chapter 716 of the Acts of 1989 and Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1990, The Cape Cod Commission Act, ratified by the voters within Barnstable County; and

WHEREAS, Barnstable County government has been recognized as a model for providing beneficial and varied regional services in a cost effective manner.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

The Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates and the Board of County Commissioners present to the Massachusetts Legislative Delegation an Act transferring the powers and duties of Barnstable County Government to the Cape Cod Regional Government known as Barnstable County, transferring to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the jail and house of correction and certain courthouses.

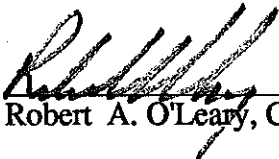
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Assembly of Delegates with Delegates representing 82.64% of the population of Barnstable County present and voting 80.73% yes and 1.91% voting no, at a meeting held December 30, 1996.

Attested by:

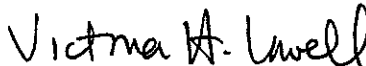


Roland J. Dupont, Speaker
Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates

The foregoing Resolution was endorsed by the Barnstable County Board of County Commissioners, December 30, 1996.



Robert A. O'Leary, Chairman



Victoria H. Lowell

John W. Doane