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BOROUGH OF AVALON

RESOLUTION NO. 890

WHEREAS, our society has grown increasingly litigious in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the ability for an individual to sue anyone and everyone has resulted in unnecessary direct and indirect legal costs for frivolous litigation, and

WHEREAS, local governments and their taxpayers must ultimately bear the cost of such litigation, resulting in higher taxes; and

WHEREAS, the threat of lawsuits has forced local governments to curtail or discontinue municipal services and programs; and

WHEREAS, under Pennsylvania's joint and several provisions, a party found only partly liable could still be responsible for payment of 100 per cent of damages assessed; and

WHEREAS, local governments are particularly vulnerable to civil action under Pennsylvania's joint and several liability provisions, and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is one of only five states in the nation that has not enacted some type of reform to curb lawsuit abuse, and

WHEREAS, recent polls have shown widespread public support for needed reform; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Avalon support the efforts of the Pennsylvania Civil Justice Coalition, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Avalon call upon its state legislators to support passage of the "Lawsuit Abuse Reform Act" and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to said legislators, the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, and the Pennsylvania Civil Justice Coalition.

APPROVED this ^{16th}~~21st~~ day of ^{June}~~May~~, 1998.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF AVALON

Jean A. Walsh
Secretary

Harold J. Moore
President of Council

THIS RESOLUTION EXAMINED AND APPROVED
BY ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1998.

Mayor