SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION 2020 -____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP TO DELAY THE PENALTY ACCRUAL DEADLINE FOR MUNICIPAL REAL ESTATE TAX FOR THE YEAR 2020 TO JULY 31, 2020

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on March 6, 2020, and further issued a stay at home order on April 1, 2020, as a result of novel Coronavirus known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors declared a disaster emergency for Solebury Township on March 17, 2020 as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Local Tax Collection Law, 72 Pa. C.S.A. § 5511.10(a), provides that property tax payments are due without penalty within four months of the date of the tax notice; and

WHEREAS, the Local Tax Collection Act authorizes the taxing authority to implement a penalty amount after four months of non-payment; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the declarations of the emergency and the stay at home order, the Bucks County Commissioners, in consultation with the Bucks County Association of Tax Collectors, on April 1, 2020 delayed the Buck County property tax accrual penalty deadline from July 1, to July 31 with a penalty amount of ten percent (10%), and recommended that municipalities take the same action; and

WHEREAS, Solebury Township desires to maintain consistency by having the penalty accrual deadline for municipal and county property taxes to remain the same date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

1. The penalty accrual date for Solebury Township municipal real estate taxes will be delayed 30 days from July 1 to July 31, 2020 with a penalty amount of ten percent (10%).

RESOLVED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED, on the _____ day of April, 2020, at a public meeting of the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors.

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP ATTEST:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Catherine Cataldi, Township Secretary

Mark Baum Baicker, Chair