A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO RECONSIDER THE POSSIBLE CLOSING OF THE NORTH ROYALTON POST OFFICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: The City of North Royalton received notice on July 13, 2009, that the United States Postal Service (USPS) is considering closing the North Royalton Post Office; and

WHEREAS: The North Royalton Post Office provides essential services to this growing community; and

WHEREAS: The most current population estimate for North Royalton is 33,000, representing a 15% growth rate from 2000. Over the last four decades, on average, the population growth rate per decade was 33%; and

WHEREAS: North Royalton is the third largest community by area in Cuyahoga County with 21.6 square miles, and is the only community over 25,000 that is currently growing in this county with approximately 18% vacant or undeveloped land; and

WHEREAS: The USPS should be expanding in this area’s market rather than considering closures; and

WHEREAS: The USPS is seeking to save money. Because of the growing population and large area, retaining the North Royalton post office will be the most cost effective long term solution; and

WHEREAS: The USPS needs to be financially feasible and competitive in the current global market. The most significant ability that the USPS has over its competitors is the ability to reach each household on a daily basis and its national network of retail outlets. Closing these outlets and diminishing delivery capabilities will only harm the long term viability of the USPS; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and the Council of the City of North Royalton request that the United States Postal Service reconsider the possible closing of the North Royalton Post Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The Mayor and the Council of the City of North Royalton request that the United States Postal Service reconsider the possible closing of the North Royalton Post Office.


Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the city, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to request that the United States Postal Service reconsider the possible closing of the North Royalton Post Office.
THEREFORE, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/s/ Vincent A. Gentile
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Robert A. Stefanik
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: July 21, 2009
DATE APPROVED: July 22, 2009

First reading suspended
Second reading suspended
Third reading July 21, 2009

ATTEST: /s/ Laura J. Haller
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

YEAS: Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey,
Farrell, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris

NAYS: none