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RESOLUTION 2026-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL OF GALENA, MARYLAND IN SUPPORT OF HB 1142 / SB, ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE SOURCES.

WHEREAS, the Town of Galena provides essential frontline services to its residents, including utilities, infrastructure maintenance and community planning, all of which rely on stable and diversified revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments are facing unprecedented inflationary pressures on construction materials, fuel, and labor, alongside increasing state-mandated costs, making the need for modern and flexible revenue sources more urgent than ever; and

WHEREAS, Maryland's municipalities are a primary driver of economic activity and tourism in the State, yet the current tax structure fails to reinvest a fair share of wealth generated within municipal borders back into the local infrastructure that supports that very growth; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is one of only six states that fails to share tax revenue from the sale of goods or services with local governments or allow those governments to collect it themselves, creating an over-reliance on property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the current local revenue structure in Maryland has not been comprehensively updated in decades, and does not reflect the modern shift towards a service and digital based economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Task Force would provide a data-driven, non-partisan forum to study these inequalities and recommend solutions that ensure municipal governments can remain fiscally resilient without overburdening local property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 6th day of April, 2026, by the Mayor & Council of Galena, Maryland:

1. **Support for Legislation:** The Town of Galena formally supports the passage of HB 1142 and urges the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee to issue a Favorable Report.
2. **Communication of Resolution:** A copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to:
 - a. **The Senator representing District 36**
 - b. **Each Delegate representing District 36**
 - c. **Staff at the Maryland Municipal League**

ATTEST: _____
Tyler J. Carpenter, Mayor

April 6, 2026