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**Delaware County Local
Government Association**

Press Release

Officials from Townships, Municipalities form Delaware County Local Government Association

Group Has Several Goals, Including Improved Cooperation, Better Communications, Greater Influence at the State Level

Delaware, OH, December 7, 2010: An association of elected officials, whose purpose will be fostering positive working relationships among township, village and city governing bodies, has been formally created.

The Delaware County Local Government Association formed Nov. 17, after approval of bylaws. The next step will be the election of officers at a Jan. 6 organizational meeting.

For about one year, elected officials from throughout Delaware County have been meeting, working toward the formal creation of the DCLGA. The nonprofit, non-partisan organization of county municipalities and townships has several goals, including:

- Improving local government services.
- Providing an opportunity to meet as a group to discuss and resolve mutual or special problems.
- Influencing legislation at the county and state level.
- Providing training and educational programs.

The group anticipates quarterly public meetings. Eligible for membership are trustee chairs (or designees) from the county's 18 townships, city mayors (or designees), township administrators and city managers. Representatives from other government agencies and nonprofits may be non-voting "associate" members.

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The association anticipates several subcommittees, including finance and auditing, community and legislative issues, and education and training. An immediate issue is the potential impact of the state's estimated \$8 billion deficit.

The association's five charter members are Genoa, Liberty and Orange townships, the City of Powell and the City of Delaware.

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