

Today, members of the County Council **unanimously** voted to support County Resolution 81 which authorizes the furlough of all county employees for eighty (80) hours during the current fiscal year.

On August 25, 2008, members of the Public Safety Coalition held a press conference at FOP Lodge 89 to discuss the possibility of furloughs. During the press conference, a representative from within the County Executive's Office was quoted as saying that he "defied any labor organization to find anything in writing that states the County Executive intends on doing furloughs."

Approximately three weeks later, a resolution magically appeared proposing the furloughs. We were notified on Friday, September 12, 2008 that a meeting was scheduled with the County Executive and all labor unions to discuss a debt reduction plan. On Monday, September 15, 2008, we met with the County ExecThe audacity of the County, and especially this Council, owes its employees and constituents a transparent government. A resolution of this magnitude, which will reduce the take-home salary of every County employee, should have been included on the regular agenda and not on the additions package the day of the Council meeting. All interested parties, including the FOP, should have been provided ample opportunity to review the proposed resolution in order to provide proper feedback to the Council. When you conduct the County's business in this fashion, it gives the impression that there is something unscrupulous occurring.

**Actual details on how this will implemented within the Police Department will be forthcoming. Please refer to [www.fop89.org](http://www.fop89.org) for additional information.**