

**COLLEGE TOWNSHIP
CENTRE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION R-22-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP of COLLEGE, CENTRE COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT
LEGISLATION THAT PROACTIVELY ADDRESSES CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH
THE REDUCTION OF CARBON EMISSIONS**

WHEREAS, the Sixth Annual Climate Assessment, released in 2021, reports that the impacts of climate change are already being felt in communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, the associated impacts of climate change, such as frequent and intense extreme weather events, other climate-related events, and changes in average climate conditions, are expected to continue to damage infrastructure, ecosystems, and social systems that provide essential benefits to communities; and

WHEREAS, through these impacts, climate change poses a direct threat upon College Township and its citizens through harmful impacts to the public health, environment and economy; and

WHEREAS, conservative estimates by the world's climate scientists state that to achieve climate stabilization and avoid further harmful climate changes, emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs), including carbon dioxide, must be brought to net-zero by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Centre Region Climate Action and Adaption Plan (CAAP) was adopted by the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) General Forum on November 22, 2021. The COG, in collaboration with the six member municipalities including College Township, developed the CAAP to identify, address, and to the degree possible, prevent the negative impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the CAAP outlines how our local governments can play an essential role in preparing our community for the changing climate and building toward a low-carbon community of the future through leadership by example, fostering partnerships, creating policy, and helping to disseminate information; and

WHEREAS, the Centre Region municipalities and other community partners has already begun undertaking efforts to help combat climate change, such as the pursuit of a joint Solar Power Purchasing Agreement and other incremental steps to lessen their respective carbon footprint; and

WHEREAS, presently the externalized environmental, health, and social costs of carbon emissions are being borne directly and indirectly by all Americans and global citizens; and

WHEREAS, opportunities exist for the United States Congress to enact legislation, such as assessing a national carbon fee as outlined in the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, which will proactively address the urgency of the climate change crisis through the reduction of carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, well-crafted legislation could serve a global model for how reduce carbon emissions to mitigate the harmful public health, environmental and economic impacts of climate change without further economically burdening citizens or endangering global competitiveness of businesses; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Council of the Township of College, Centre County, Pennsylvania does hereby call upon the United States Congress to act swiftly in developing and passing legislation that proactively addresses the urgency of the climate change crisis through the reduction of carbon emissions. Council further urges Congress to craft this legislation in a manner that mitigates the potentially negative economic impacts upon its citizens and without hindering the overall competitiveness of United States businesses in global markets.

DULY ADOPTED this 21st day of July 2022, by the Council of the Township of College, Centre County, Pennsylvania.

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL:

D. Richard Francke

D. Richard Francke, Chair

ATTEST:

Adam T. Brumbaugh

Adam T. Brumbaugh, Manager/Secretary