

**WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1486**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP'S VISION FOR  
A 100% CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY FUTURE BY PARTICIPATION IN THE  
READY FOR 100 MOVEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, climate change is a global long-term threat to civilization and Earth's living ecosystems;

**WHEREAS**, more frequent and extreme weather events will become commonplace;

**WHEREAS**, a major contributor to climate change is the continued use of fossil fuels by individuals, businesses and government agencies;

**WHEREAS**, the impacts of Climate Change will stress our infrastructure, emergency and social services; threaten our access to food, water and energy supplies; heighten the disruption of services and commerce; and negatively affect the quality of life and human health;

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris resulted in a consensus among all 195 participating countries to limit the increase in global average temperatures to well below 2 degrees Celsius, ensure that greenhouse gas emissions will not exceed sinks (total carbon capture) by the second half of this century, and become carbon neutral between 2050 and 2100;

**WHEREAS**, in January 2019, Governor Tom Wolf issued an executive order stating, "the Commonwealth will work to achieve a 26 percent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2025 and an 80 percent reduction by 2050."

**WHEREAS**, the municipalities of Abington, Springfield, Cheltenham, Plymouth, Upper Merion, West Norriton, Whitmarsh and Montgomery Townships, Ambler, Bridgeport, Conshohocken, Hatboro, Narberth and Norristown Boroughs in Montgomery County and Phoenixville, West Chester, Downingtown and others in Bucks County, Chester County and Delaware County have acted to position themselves as regional leaders in setting goals for the transition to renewable energy in their communities;

**WHEREAS**, Whitpain Township is committed to be a community characterized by equality, health, safety, livability, prosperity and equity;

**WHEREAS**, Whitpain Township recognizes that it has a responsibility to future generations to take an active stance to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases within the Township;

**WHEREAS**, the best strategy for achieving a cost effective, even cost saving, energy source transition is through collaboration with other Montgomery County energy leaders and participation in acquiring aggregated procurement contracts – Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for regional wind and solar energy;

**WHEREAS**, Whitpain Township also recognizes the importance of developing a close working relationship with its electric energy supplier(s) to create the most advantageous and mutually beneficial plan for integrating locally generated and renewable power;

**WHEREAS**, a renewable energy initiative can produce energy cost savings for residents and local businesses while stimulating new economic activity and local jobs, all while simultaneously mitigating the risks from climate change for everyone;

**WHEREAS**, clean energy addresses not only climate change but also air quality and other public health impacts from our fossil fuel history. Like extreme weather events, recessions, and pandemics, these impacts disproportionately burden poor people and especially low-income people of color in our communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- Whitpain Township will join other leading towns and cities in the national Ready for 100 movement, to work towards 100% clean, renewable energy for all, and complete this transition, community-wide, to:
  - 100% clean renewable electricity by 2035;
  - 100% clean renewable energy when replacing heating system and transportation equipment by 2050;
  - As vehicles are replaced, priority will also be given to transitioning the Whitpain Township vehicle fleet to 100% renewable energy sources by 2030 where feasible;

- The Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors will provide guidance for commissioning a committee, task force, and/or consultant to draft an energy transition plan for achieving these goals by, to include interim milestones, financial impacts, equity metrics, potential financing mechanisms and the percentage of renewable energy that is locally produced;
- Renewable energy will be defined as carbon-free and pollution-free energy generated sustainably from renewable sources such as wind, solar, small hydro, tidal, fuel cells and geothermal
- Locally produced and distributed energy is prioritized whenever feasible for the many advantages it provides to the community;
- Whitpain Township will continue to strategically decrease energy usage by implementing energy efficiency improvements;
- All Whitpain Township stakeholders will have the opportunity and will be encouraged to participate in the planning and implementation process;
- That Whitpain Township sets a goal to generate at least 20% of community-wide electricity from local renewable/solar sources by 2025 and maintain at least this apportion throughout the electrification process. We call on the local electric utility company (PECO) to work with our community as a partner to achieve this local generation goal and set its own similar goals for the region;
- Whitpain Township calls on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to set a goal to use 100% renewable energy for all purposes no later than 2050;
- Whitpain Township calls on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to adopt codes and standards to increase the efficiency of buildings and appliances;
- Whitpain Township calls on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to increase the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards to levels that put the Commonwealth on track to meet 100% renewable energy goals;
- Whitpain Township will seek to work with other Montgomery County Municipalities and the Montgomery County Planning Commission and/or Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to create an energy planner/advocate position. The energy planner/advocate will develop and implement renewable energy strategies for Montgomery County municipalities, residents, businesses, and institutions. Alternatively, an energy planning firm may be contracted to create the energy transition

plan or supplement an energy transition plan outlined by a volunteer and staff task forced.

**RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

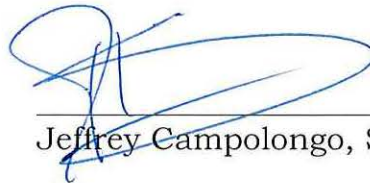
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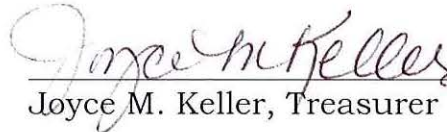
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