

PATTON TOWNSHIP
CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-006

**A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE BY PASSING THE ENERGY INNOVATION
AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Patton, Centre County, Pennsylvania, that

WHEREAS, climate change poses a serious threat to Patton Township and its citizens in terms of the economy, public health, and environment as the recently issued Fourth National Climate Assessment makes clear; and

WHEREAS, as a result of climate change, the Northeast United States is experiencing warming temperatures and a large increase in the amount of rainfall measured during heavy precipitation events; and

WHEREAS, more frequent heat waves in the Northeast United States are expected to increasingly threaten human health through more heat stress and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise and more frequent heavy rains are expected to increase flooding and storm surge, threatening infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, as temperatures rise, agriculture will likely face reduced yields, potentially damaging livelihoods and the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, Congress has the responsibility to act swiftly and meaningfully on the issue of climate change; and

WHEREAS, climate scientists are clear that to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, society must dramatically reduce its carbon dioxide emissions; and

WHEREAS, legislation addressing climate change should not economically burden Patton Township nor its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Patton Township, endorses the policies set forth in H.R. 763, the "Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act" as introduced into the House of Representatives on January 24, 2019, and calls on Congress to pass this legislation.

RESOLVED this 13th day of February, 2019

PATTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Betsy Whitman, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:



Douglas J. Erickson, Secretary

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