

A RESOLUTION 19-05
Climate Change Legislation

Calling on the United States Congress to address Climate Change by considering and passing House of Representatives H.R. 763: Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019

WHEREAS, Yardley Borough Council is committed to fighting climate change and is committed to protecting Borough residents from the impacts of climate change and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Climate change poses a serious threat to Yardley Borough in terms of the economic, public health, and environmental consequences of greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere and which contribute to the poor air quality known to exist in Lower Bucks County; and

WHEREAS, As a result of climate change, Bucks County and the Northeastern United States is experiencing warming temperatures resulting in erratic weather patterns; and

WHEREAS, More frequent heat waves in Yardley Borough and the Northeast are expected to threaten human health through an increase in heat stress. More excessive heat impacts outdoor activities such as individual and team sports played on local fields, and residents and tourists who use outdoor facilities for biking, hiking and sightseeing, as well as those residents who work in the construction and landscaping industries or hire persons who perform such work; and

WHEREAS, An increase in the amount of and frequency of rainfall measured during precipitation events are expected to increase Delaware River flooding, turbidity and bank erosion. This will also contribute to higher water levels in the Delaware Bay, threatening storm water drainage systems, roads, Delaware River fresh water intake facilities, buildings, bridges, and infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, As temperatures rise and erratic rainfall pattern increase, agriculture in Bucks County and Pennsylvania will face reduced yields, increased soil erosion, pressure from invasive insect and plant species, potentially damaging livelihoods and the regional economy. These agriculture impacts have already affected local farmers who sell organic food at the Yardley Farmers Market, and

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

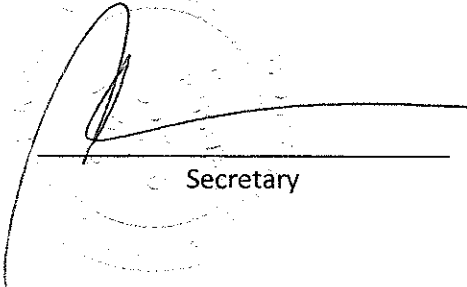
WHEREAS, Legislation addressing climate change should not be economically burdensome to Yardley Borough residents;

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives bill H. R. 763: Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019 will effectively reduce emissions of warming greenhouse gases, save lives, act to protect Yardley Borough residents from the impacts of climate change, and provide a net economic boost to Yardley Borough and Borough residents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE YARDLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
endorses **H.R. 763 Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019**; and
Respectfully requests that our Representative Brian Fitzpatrick cosponsor and vote for this bill and that our two Senators Robert Casey and Pat Toomey co-sponsor and vote for the **Senate Companion Bill to H.R. 763** as soon as it is introduced in the U.S. Senate.

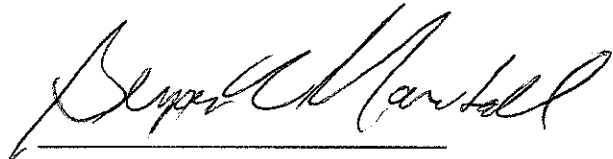
THIS RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED this 4th day of June, 2019 by the Borough Council of Yardley, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST:



Secretary

YARDLEY BOROUGH



President