

RESOLUTION 2023-71

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GREEN INITIATIVES AND EFFORTS TO MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE DAMAGES

WHEREAS, scientific evidence is increasingly clear that human activities are largely responsible for the accelerating changes in the global climate, and such change poses a major threat to the health and livelihood of American communities, with impacts as wide-ranging as increased flooding, drought, reduced water supply, fire, public health impacts, habitat loss, and invasive species; and

WHEREAS, climate change, if unchecked, will have mounting impacts on human health, natural systems, and infrastructure, creating new costs for individuals, businesses, and governments with a disproportionate impact on low income and disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across the country are already having to invest billions of dollars annually in infrastructure and support services to deal with climate change's impacts of heat waves, droughts, torrential rain events, and increased frequency and intensity of coastal storms; and

WHEREAS, the Fourth National Climate Assessment, completed in November 2018, is a comprehensive and authoritative report on climate change and its impacts in the United States that reaffirms municipal concerns expressed in the Third Assessment and intensifies the urgency of both emission reductions and protective adaptations; and

WHEREAS, humans have disproportionately contributed to the climate and ecological emergencies and thus bears an extraordinary responsibility to the current crisis; and

WHEREAS, restoring a safe and stable climate requires mobilization to rapidly and safely draw down excess greenhouse gases from the atmosphere, and to implement measures to protect all people and species from the consequences of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Aberdeen in partnership with Nexus Energy Solutions has installed solar arrays at the Municipal Complex, Public Works Complex, and pumping stations at Riverdale Drive, Noble Place, and Greenwood Avenue to reduce the townships reliance on fossil fuels and reduce the generation of greenhouse gases; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Township of Aberdeen, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey does hereby declare that a climate emergency threatens the Township of Aberdeen, the County of Monmouth, the State of New Jersey, the United States of America, and the entire globe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Aberdeen urges leaders at every level of government to commit to green initiatives in order to slow the pace of climate change and avert the worst impacts of climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Aberdeen urges governmental leaders to commit to educating our residents about the effects of climate change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Aberdeen underscores the need for full community participation, inclusion, and support, and recognizes that the residents of Aberdeen and members of community organizations, faith-based, youth, labor, business, academic institutions, and other such community allies will be integral to and provide leadership of the mobilization effort; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Aberdeen calls upon the State of New Jersey, the United States Congress, the President of the United States, and all governments and people worldwide to declare a climate emergency and initiate a Climate Mobilization to slow the pace of climate change and avert the worst impacts of climate change;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be filed in the Office of the Township of Aberdeen's Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cannon, Hirsch, Martucci, Montone, Swindle, Deputy Mayor Kelley, Mayor Tagliarini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy
of a Resolution adopted by the Township
Council of the Township of Aberdeen on May 18, 2023

Melissa Pfeifer
Melissa Pfeifer, Township Clerk