WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA RESOLUTION NO. 20-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ADOPT THE WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP LAND PRESERVATION PLAN 2020.

WHEREAS, as provided by Act 153 of 1996 (the "Open Space Lands Act" or the "Act"), and pursuant to Ordinance No. 17-04 adopted by the Board of Supervisors of West Bradford Township (the "Board") on June 13, 2017, a referendum was conducted during the election of November 2017 wherein the registered voters of West Bradford Township approved an increase in the tax on earned income by 1/4 of 1% (.0025) to raise revenue for the permanent preservation of farm and open space lands; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the voter's approval of the open space tax in the November 2017 referendum, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2017-08 on December 12, 2017 to impose a tax on earned income in the amount of 1/4 of 1% (.0025) to raise revenue for the permanent preservation of farm and open space lands; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2017-07 on December 12, 2017 to create an open space committee who was charged with the duty to identify farm and open space lands which could be purchased using open space tax revenue in order to permanently preserve said lands; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act and Ordinance No. 2017-07, the Board then appointed seven residents of the Township to serve on the open space committee which is referred to as the West Bradford Township Land Preservation and Sustainability Committee (the "Committee") who consulted with the Brandywine Conservancy to provide recommendations to the Board pertaining to the use of the open space tax; and

WHEREAS, guided by the priorities set forth by the Board in Ordinance No. 2017-07, which is codified in Article I of Chapter 183 of the West Bradford Township Code, the Committee prepared the West Bradford Township Land Preservation Plan which is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "A"</u> (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the Plan which is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "A"</u> and use said Plan when determining priorities for the use of the open space tax and for implementing the acquisition of open space interests;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of West Bradford Township hereby adopts the Plan which is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit "A"</u>, incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

ATTEST:

WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By:

Laurie W. Abele, Chair

Jack M. Hines, Jr., Vice Chair

Kevin Houghton, Member