THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA RESOLUTION 21-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING A 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY FUTURE

WHEREAS, the 2020 Comprehensive Plan of West Bradford Township states its goal is to "ensure that in the future West Bradford is prosperous, healthy, equitable, sustainable and resilient," and calls for energy use reduction and renewable energy initiatives by including the recommendations to "mitigate effects of climate change" (2.6), to "promote clean renewable energy sources" (4.14), and "promote green building design and planning" (4.15); and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to express its intent to promote reduction of fossil fuel use and its intent to create a set of additional incentives to promote (**but not mandate**) the reduction of carbon fuel dependency for both itself and its residents; and

WHEREAS, many communities surrounding West Bradford Township are setting goals for the transition to renewable energy in their communities and actively planning to meet those goals; and

WHEREAS, our actions will contribute to a critical mass of local carbon reduction related initiatives that can collectively reduce our carbon footprint and help minimize the impact of climate change on our communities; and

WHEREAS, West Bradford has been an early adopter of numerous energy efficiency measures, striving to be a good steward of its natural resources and responsive to environmental problems while serving its residents in a fiscally-sound manner; and

WHEREAS, strategies currently exist and are actively being developed for achieving a cost-effective, even cost-saving, energy source transition, such as aggregated procurement contracts like Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for regional wind and solar energy; and

WHEREAS, a renewable energy initiative can produce energy cost savings for residents and local businesses while stimulating new economic activity and local jobs, while providing life protecting benefits for everyone;

ATTEST:

Justin V. Yaich, Secretary

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