

_____ COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

***PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
CLEANING PENNSYLVANIA'S STREAMS & RIVERS***

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the County of _____, Pennsylvania, has served _____ residents of _____ County since _____; and

WHEREAS, _____ County, Pennsylvania, constitutes the chief governing body of _____ County, with legislative and policy-making powers that affect each resident's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, _____ County has the responsibility to assure the fiscal health and integrity of _____ County; and

WHEREAS, _____ County has the responsibility of planning for and implementing projects that accomplish and bring forth safe water resource management; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is estimated to have more than more than 83,000 miles of streams, nearly 4,000 lakes, and 80 trillion gallons of groundwater; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's ability to attract growing businesses and to provide the quality of life this governing body seeks for its residents depends on the Commonwealth properly prioritizing clean water infrastructure and funding for stormwater management; without such an increase in prioritization and funding to address these issues, our rivers and streams will continue to be susceptible to pollution and the degradation of the Commonwealth's most precious resource – water; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution states that, "The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people"; and

WHEREAS, _____ County realizes that the Commonwealth is losing more forest, wildlife habitat, farmland and other open spaces to development than it is able to preserve; and that the Commonwealth has more than 19,000 miles of rivers and streams that do not meet basic water quality standards and of those, 5,800 come from agriculture, 5,500 from abandoned mine drainage and 4,300 from urban and suburban runoff.

WHEREAS, _____ County wishes to encourage and support a greater investment of resources to clean Pennsylvania's rivers and streams before irreversible damage occurs to the places we live, work and raise our families. Clean water provides for greater health, stronger communities and thriving economies within our region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. _____ County supports increased state investments to be made by the General Assembly and the Governor with dedicated, sustainable and long-term funding sources,
2. the signed resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor of Pennsylvania, candidates for Governor, and our respective state legislators.

DULY ADOPTED at the regular meeting of _____ County this ____th day of _____,
_____.

_____ **COUNTY**

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary