

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the County of Bucks has a long policy history of acting in an environmentally sound manner by preserving open space, fostering sound land use policies, promoting waste-to-energy programs, supporting recycling and safe disposal of household hazardous waste, expanding transportation and work choices to reduce traffic congestion, participating in a multi-county greenhouse gas inventory, and implementing the recommendations of the BEGIN (Bucks Employees Green Initiative) Program that address energy efficiency, resource conservation, greenhouse gas reduction, green building, transportation, and waste reduction; and

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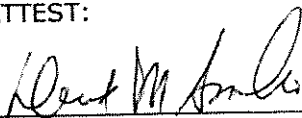
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this Earth Week 2008, THAT

The County of Bucks joins with governments nationwide by endorsing the Cool Counties Program by making the following commitments:

- i. To work with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission on a 2008 inventory of greenhouse gas emissions to establish a benchmark for reduction efforts;
- ii. To coordinate with local, state, and federal governments and other leaders to reduce reliance on nonrenewable fossil fuels and regional greenhouse gas emissions to 80 percent below current levels by 2050;
- iii. Work with federal, state, county and local governments to enact laws and policies that will ensure that the goals of responsible and sustainable energy use and environmental protection are met; and
- iv. Continue to implement the Policies that support responsible energy use and reduction of harmful emissions, as outlined in the BEGIN Report (2007) and adopted by the Bucks County Commissioners.

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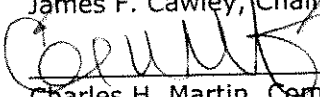
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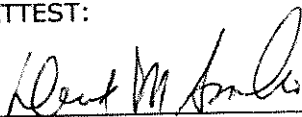
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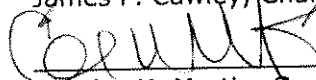
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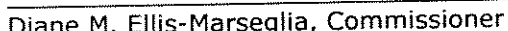
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