

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF RADNOR TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SUPPORTING THE DECLARATION OF AN ANNUAL SALES TAX HOLIDAY FOR WATERSENSE AND ENERGY STAR PRODUCTS IN PENNSYLVANIA**

**WHEREAS**, droughts have occurred with increasing frequency and severity in Pennsylvania over the past two decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania has experienced significant droughts in five of the last seven years; and

**WHEREAS**, the average family of four uses approximately 400 gallons of water every day; and

**WHEREAS**, Radnor Township is a Promotional Partner in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense Program, which promotes water efficiency and conservation through public education and water-efficient WaterSense-labeled products and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens of Pennsylvania can significantly reduce their water use by installing faucets and appliances which bear the WaterSense label from the United States Environmental Protection Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, Energy Star is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping us all save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans saved more than \$23 billion on their utility bills in 2011 with the help of Energy Star and prevented an amount of greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to what 43 million vehicles would produce; and

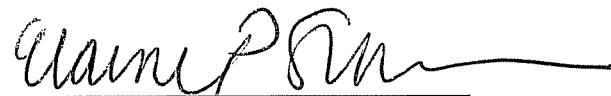
**WHEREAS**, in 2011, Energy Star helped Americans save more than 277 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh) – about 5 percent of U.S. electricity demand.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it hereby **RESOLVED** that, in order to encourage Pennsylvanians to conserve water, the Radnor Township and the Radnor Environmental Advisory Council recommend that the General Assembly and Governor of Pennsylvania should declare an annual sales tax holiday for up to one week on all products bearing a WaterSense label.

**SO RESOLVED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

RADNOR TOWNSHIP


By:



Name: Elaine P. Schaefer

Title: President

ATTEST:



Robert A. Zienkowski, Secretary