RESOLUTION 2007-24 RADNOR TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, an important component of the Township's vision is to preserve and enhance Radnor's leadership as a quality environment for all community members by, in part, identifying and implementing programs and improvements designed to preserve Radnor's natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has promoted a leadership role for Radnor over the years in pursuing local initiatives such as promoting the preservation of open space, creating transit-oriented development, making energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, requiring broad-based recycling, planting hundreds of shade trees which has resulted in being named a "Shade Tree USA" community for 13 consecutive years, switching to LED traffic lights at all intersections, incorporating some green building technologies into the design and construction of the new municipal building, shifting a portion of its energy use to renewable sources, among others;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that many members of the community and several institutions have undertaken individual initiatives to reduce their energy consumption and their contributions to the emission of greenhouse gases, and look to the Board of Commissioners to support and build on their efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to engage the Radnor citizenry in a new initiative addressing opportunities to limit energy costs and to improve the Earth's climate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby declares its intent to endorse the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, which calls on cities across the United States to join in establishing goals and strategies to reduce their emissions of greenhouse gases. This commitment will build on the benefits that have previously accrued from Radnor Township's purchase of energy from renewable sources, and investments in efficiencies.
- 2. The Board hereby declares its intent to develop an action plan to limit the increase in Township energy costs and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the community. To that end, the Board charges the Radnor Township Environmental Advisory Committee to: (a) work in consultation with other experts to conduct an audit of the Township's and its residents' energy uses and practices and their related impacts and (b) to develop a recommended action plan for the Board's consideration; and the Board authorizes the application for membership in the ICLEI Cities for Climate Protection program, which provides technical assistance in carrying out these tasks.
- 3. The Board also charges the EAC to continue to reach out to experts and community members in researching additional clean energy options, seeking other funding opportunities, and recommending other ways in which the Township can show continued environmental leadership to further improve the high quality of life of those who live, work and play in Radnor Township.

RESOLVED this 10th day of September 2007.

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Harry G. Mahoney, Esq., President

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