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RESOLUTION # 20-2017

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT
NUCLEAR ENERGY IN PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's five nuclear energy plants provide many critical environmental, reliability, energy diversity and economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, current federal and state energy policies fail to recognize the value nuclear energy plants provide to the public, which is why the Three Mile Island nuclear energy plant is being closed early; and

WHEREAS, nuclear energy plants produce 40 percent of Pennsylvania's electricity, and 93 percent of Pennsylvania's carbon-free electricity; and

WHEREAS, they avoid 37 million metric tons of carbon emissions, equivalent to keeping nearly 8 million cars off the road every year; and

WHEREAS, nuclear facilities allow the Commonwealth to avoid \$2.6 billion over the next ten years (\$260 million per year) in air pollution costs from criteria pollutants; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's five state-of-the-art nuclear plants generate energy on a 24/7 basis and in virtually all weather conditions, helping ensure the reliability of our electric system; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's nuclear plants each have a year or more of on-site fuel allowing the plants to operate in a manner independent of supply chain disruptions and providing the Commonwealth with a more secure and resilient electric infrastructure.

WHEREAS, Three Mile Island produces enough energy to serve over 800,000 homes; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's nuclear energy plants contribute nearly \$2 billion annually to the Commonwealth's economy; and

WHEREAS, they directly and indirectly employ approximately 16,000 Pennsylvanians and generate \$400 million in annual state and federal tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Three Mile Island nuclear energy plant alone employs 675 local workers with an annual payroll of approximately \$60 million; and

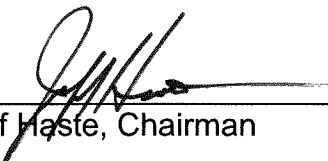
WHEREAS, in 2016, the Three Mile Island nuclear energy plant contributed \$1 million in taxes supporting local schools and other public services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:


1. The Dauphin County Commissioners urge the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to support policies to preserve Pennsylvania's nuclear energy plants, because of their support for our local economy by creating thousands of jobs, strengthening our commitment to a pollution and carbon-free environment, and ensuring a more reliable electric grid for consumers and businesses; while creating a sustainable energy future for generations.
2. That suitable copies of this Resolution be forwarded to our State Senators and State Representatives in the General Assembly and to the Governor of Pennsylvania.

DULY ADOPTED, at the regular meeting of the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, this 23rd day of August, 2017.

DAUPHIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Jeff Haste, Chairman

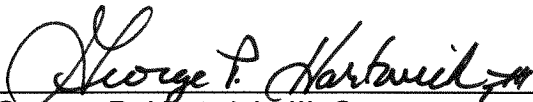


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