



CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
RESOLUTION 2021-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
TO ADOPT THE CENTRE REGION CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the members of the Centre Region Council of Governments General Forum appreciate and value a balanced approach in planning and actions to continue to achieve social, environmental, and financial stability for the future of the Centre Region; and

WHEREAS, all six Centre Region municipalities are certified as “Sustainable Pennsylvania” municipalities, which is recognition for the policy and practices of using sustainability to advance community prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the Centre Region Council of Governments adopted Resolution 2020-1 on July 27, 2020, to immediately begin to develop a regional plan to:

- Achieve a 45% reduction in GHG emissions by 2030 based on 2010 levels
- Achieve an 80% reduction in GHG emissions by 2050 based on 2010 levels
- Offset the remaining 20% of GHG emissions in 2050 with carbon offset projects to be carbon neutral in 2050
- Engage peer governmental entities, non-governmental organizations, businesses, and universities to (i) raise awareness of climate change, (ii) identify and encourage courses of action to reduce the amount of GHG emissions, (iii) identify and encourage courses of action to lessen the impacts of changing climate conditions and (iv) embrace the opportunities of climate adaptation

WHEREAS, Resolution 2020-1 also resolved that the Centre Region Council of Governments shall:

- Continue to lead by example to rapidly pursue these goals in a manner that is transparent, fair, and economically responsible; and
- Encourage local projects and local impacts first, prior to making an investment out of the region to provide long-term benefits to the region; and
- Promote “clean, renewable energy” to achieve the stated goals which includes energy produced from environmentally beneficial technologies. Technologies will be evaluated for carbon impact, public health and environmental justice implications.

WHEREAS, the COG Climate Action and Sustainability Committee has recommended adoption of the Centre Region Climate Action and Adaptation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the scientific consensus demands we limit global temperature increases below 1.5 degrees Celsius to avoid the most destructive and dangerous effects of climate change that, if unchecked, will have ever-increasing impacts on human health, natural systems, wildlife, and infrastructure, creating mounting costs for individuals, communities, businesses, and local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania's Climate Action Plan 2021 commits Pennsylvania to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 26 percent by 2025 and 80 percent by 2050; and

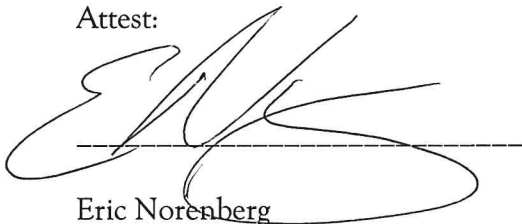
**WHEREAS**, municipal actions taken to reduce greenhouse gases through advancing building energy efficiency, renewable energy, wise land management, waste reduction and electric vehicles and alternative transportation create multiple benefits for local government, businesses, and residents by creating jobs and economic prosperity, advancing social equity, fostering resource security, and improving public health and local environmental quality; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal actions taken to adapt to the changing climate can reduce short- and long-term risks to public infrastructure, community assets, and individual health and well-being;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HERE RESOLVED** that the Centre Region Council of Governments does hereby adopt the Centre Region Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, dated November 22, 2021,

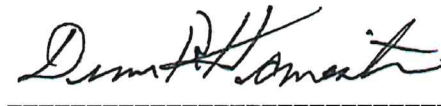
**RESOLVED**, this *twenty-second day of November 2021*, meeting in regular session.

Attest:



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By:



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Chair, Centre Region COG