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TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT ENERGY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a scientific consensus has developed that Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) and other Greenhouse Gases (GHG) released into the atmosphere have a profound effect on the climate and our environment;

WHEREAS, energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels (i.e. coal, oil and gas) accounts for more than 80% of U.S. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions;

WHEREAS, the environmental impact of a product or process is measured in industry using GHG emissions as CO₂ equivalents (CO₂e), and can easily be calculated from existing energy use and product consumption data;

WHEREAS, local governments influence their community's energy use by exercising key powers over land use, transportation, building construction, waste/recycling management, procurements, and energy supply and its management; and

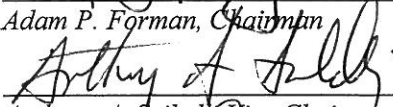
WHEREAS, a sound energy policy and sound government go hand-in-hand;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Swampscott pledges to take a leadership role to promote measures that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions through supporting energy conservation, energy efficiency, renewable energy installations (i.e. wind power, solar power, and geothermal systems) where feasible, and including energy use guidelines in contract procurements.


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, which the Town of Swampscott will strive to reduce its Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 12% by 2014 and 20% by 2020, as measured from the 2005 benchmark.

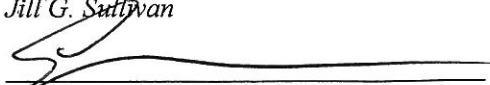
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