

# Resolution

## Office of the Commissioners

County of Somerset, Pennsylvania

**WHEREAS**, the County of Somerset believes that the United States needs a responsible energy policy. The links between economic growth, prosperity, energy security and environmental objectives are unbreakable; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Energy has concluded that worldwide energy supply from all sources will need to be increased to keep up with demand through the year 2030. Coal is a main source of energy throughout the world and provides half of the electricity used in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, achieving energy independence and security for the United States can only be done by fully utilizing America's most abundant energy source - coal; and

**WHEREAS**, clean coal technologies, including carbon capture and storage, will play an increasing role in America's energy policy as we move to combat climate change while still maintaining the essential pillar of economic growth - affordable energy; and

**WHEREAS**, future emissions related energy legislation must be synchronized with the availability of cost-effective emission control technology; and

**WHEREAS**, existing sources of energy such as coal and alternative sources of fuel like solar, wind, and nuclear power will all have to be part of a comprehensive approach to climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, continued funding, research, demonstration and deployment of carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies will secure hardworking American coal mining jobs in our state, and nationwide contributing to a more prosperous economy; and


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Somerset County Board of Commissioners calls upon the United States Congress to support the continued funding, research, demonstration and deployment of carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies with the goal of developing an effective climate change policy that will protect and maintain America's economic vitality.

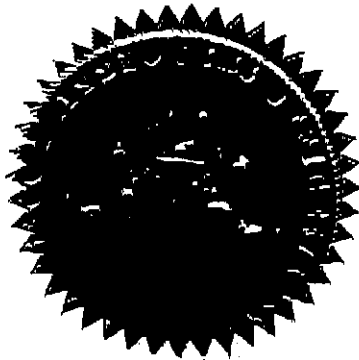
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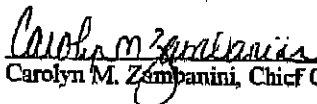
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