

## TOWN OF CHESTER

### A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TOWN OF CHESTER CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PLEDGE

February 14, 2024

**TITLE:** A resolution to adopt the Town of Chester Climate Smart Communities pledge.

At a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Chester, Orange County, New York, held at the Town Hall, 1786 Kings Highway, Chester, New York, on February 14th, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. prevailing time:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Holdridge and upon roll being called the following were:

**PRESENT:**

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Holdridge, who moved its adoption, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chester, County of Orange (hereinafter “local government”) believes that climate change poses an increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy, and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native flora and fauna populations; spread invasive species; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, reduce energy costs, and build livable, energy-independent, and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Chester, County of Orange, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

- 1) Build a climate-smart community.
- 2) Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.
- 3) Decrease energy use.
- 4) Shift to clean, renewable energy.
- 5) Use climate-smart materials management.
- 6) Implement climate-smart land use.
- 7) Enhance community resilience to climate change.
- 8) Support a green innovation economy.
- 9) Inform and inspire the public.
- 10) Engage in an evolving process of climate action.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a roll call vote which resulted as follows:

Yes    No    Abstain    Absent

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_