

**CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, COMMITTING CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP
TO TRANSITION TO 100 PERCENT CLEAN, RENEWABLE
ENERGY BY 2030**

WHEREAS, Cheltenham Township has acknowledged that climate change resulting largely from emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) from burning fossil fuels is among the most significant problems facing the world today and has committed to the Paris Climate Agreement; and

WHEREAS, climate change will make extreme weather events, including excessive heat and intense rain, commonplace in Cheltenham Township, placing undue burden on our infrastructure and public health, disrupting services and commerce, and reducing quality of life, particularly for the economically disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, Cheltenham Township recognizes that in addition to contributing to climate change, fossil fuels cause fine particulate air pollution which results in significant health problems, particularly in children and older people; and

WHEREAS, clean energy sources such as wind are rapidly becoming more affordable than fossil fuel sources; and energy efficiency measures that drive down energy demand are the most cost-effective means to reduce fossil fuel consumption; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy represents an enormous economic opportunity for Cheltenham Township to create jobs in an emerging industry, increase economic security and expand prosperity for local residents, reduce air pollution and associated public health risks, reduce the strain on water resources, and save consumers money; and

WHEREAS, Cheltenham Township has committed to promote the long-term goal of GHG emissions reduction while maximizing economic and social benefits of such action; and

WHEREAS, communities across the Greater Philadelphia region, Pennsylvania, and the nation have made commitments to transition to 100% clean energy and Cheltenham Township, through its commitment to its Sustainability Plan, strives to remain an environmental leader.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Cheltenham Township will join other communities, like Phoenixville, West Chester and Downingtown, PA in the national *Ready for 100* movement to transition to 100% clean, renewable energy for municipal, residential, commercial and other institutional energy needs, and complete this transition to:

- 100% clean renewable electricity by 2030
- 100% clean renewable energy across all sectors, including transportation, by 2050

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Township will work in collaboration with the Cheltenham Environmental Advisory Council, other communities in Montgomery County, the Montgomery County Planning Commission, and/or the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to develop an energy transition plan for achieving these renewable energy goals that includes interim milestones, financial impacts, equity metrics, and potential financing mechanisms.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was adopted at its meeting held at Curtis Hall, 1250 West Church Road, Wyncote, Pennsylvania 19095 on this **20th day of March, A.D. 2019**, in the year of the Township of Cheltenham the one hundred and twentieth.

ATTEST:

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Bryan T. Havir

Township Manager and Secretary

By: 
Daniel B. Norris, President