

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE'S ADOPTION OF A
GREEN AMENDMENT TO THE NEW JERSEY CONSTITUTION**

WHEREAS, clean water, air, and a healthy environment are essential foundations to keeping the residents of Cherry Hill Township safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS, Cherry Hill Township recognizes that pollutants can affect its residents and desires to protect local natural resources from pollutants and contaminants; and

WHEREAS, Cherry Hill Township is home to a thriving and vibrant community with a strong economy, cultural, civic, and outdoor activity that is best enjoyed by its residents when their environment is healthy; and

WHEREAS, the Township has long held it important to provide environmentally friendly and proactive policies to maintain a healthy environment for its residents so that they may enjoy all the Township has to offer, to include but, not limited to our historic sites like Croft Farm and Barclay Farm, Cooper River Park, our parks, trails and open spaces, various bodies of water across town, our outdoor spaces, swim clubs, our thriving neighborhoods, and more; and

WHEREAS, the Township not only believes it important for its current residents to enjoy its many benefits through a clean and healthy environment, but also future generations of residents to come; and

WHEREAS, while the State of New Jersey has implemented environmental laws to ensure pollutants to air, water, and the environment are reduced, these laws do not always give residents the direct recourse they deserve when pollutants affect them; and

WHEREAS, there are still a multitude of issues threatening New Jersey's water, air, and natural resources, such as climate change, emerging contaminants such as PFAS and PFOA in our drinking water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature has introduced bill ACR72/SCR43 which proposed to add a Green Amendment to the New Jersey Constitution and if passed by the legislature, the proposed amendment would be placed on the ballot for New Jersey voters to act upon; and

WHEREAS, this amendment seeks to preserve the environmental values delineated above that the State of New Jersey and Cherry Hill Township hold to be fundamental, and requires government action to address environmental effects of any development, as well as imposes a duty on this and other governments to prevent and remedy the degradation, diminution, or depletion of public natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council support passage of ACR72/SCR43 to provide its residents with additional Constitutional rights to clean water, air, and a healthy environment for now and the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Township Council for the Township of Cherry Hill, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, hereby issues its support for Bill ACR72/SCR43.

ADOPTED: AUGUST 19, 2025


COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


PATTI CHACKER, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK