TOWNSHIP OF FRANKFORD COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION 2020-077

CALLING FOR THE PROTECTING OF FRANKFORD FARMLAND & OPEN SPACE FROM STATE TAKEOVER FOR UTILITY SOLAR

WHEREAS; The governing body, elected by the people, is sworn to protect and uphold the values of the Township of Frankford and speak out against proposal that could change the nature of the community, and

WHEREAS; the State of New Jersey introduced the 2019 Energy Master Plan in February as a roadmap to 100% clean and renewable energy,

WHEREAS; this Energy Master Plan calls for utility scale solar paid for by New Jersey Taxpayers, and Senate Bill no. 2605 proposes developing 32 gigawatts of solar generation capacity, significant portions of which will be built on pristine New Jersey Farmland as well as floated on New Jersey lakes, ponds and reservoirs,

WHEREAS; New Jersey Governor Philip D. Murphy signed executive orders No. 28 and No. 100 to draft the Energy Master Plan and then proceed to implement,

WHEREAS; the Township of Frankford taxpayers are still paying the price for previous attempts to build large scale solar that ultimately resulted in taxpayers left paying more than 26 million dollars;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that on this day, Tuesday, November the 10th 2020, the governing body of the Township of Frankford formally condemns these plans and actions and requests the State of New Jersey reverse course and stay away from Frankford Farmland and bodies of water as well as keep out of Frankford Taxpayer's pocketbooks.

A copy of this resolution will be sent to the 24th District Legislators, the Governor, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Sussex County, and to the officers of the State Senate and the General Assembly.

CERTIFICATION

I certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Frankford at a workshop meeting held on November 24, 2020.

ATTEST:

Lori Nienstedt Administrator, Acting Municipal Clerk