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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
COUNTY OF ESSEX

RESOLUTION NO. R-2015  
00860  
PROPOSED BY: FREEHOLDERS TIMBERLAKE, BOBADILLA, TORO,  
AND SEBOLD

AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(a)  
AUTHORITY FOR ACTION C.C.E. 3:2-29(B)

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION  
IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

WHEREAS, our climate is rapidly changing, leaving New Jersey families and businesses vulnerable to the impacts of more frequent and severe storms; and

WHEREAS, the Essex County community is extremely vulnerable to sea-level rise and storm surges from increased and more intense storms due to a changing climate; and

WHEREAS, our community is deeply concerned about the adverse impacts of climate change, including sea-level rise; and

WHEREAS Hurricane Sandy alone was estimated to cost the state of New Jersey \$36.8 billion; and

WHEREAS, Essex County is dedicated to taking serious steps to reduce carbon pollution within our borders and have already taken significant steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature of New Jersey have a responsibility to address climate change in the Garden State by improving energy efficiency, addressing the cumulative impacts of concentrated industrialization, promoting adaption to climate change and sea-level rise, increasing our production of clean energy, and promoting renewable installations in brownfields and landfills; and

WHEREAS, the County of Essex is poised to develop a hybrid vehicle procurement program and secure hybrid vehicles for replacement and new purchases; and

WHEREAS, the County of Essex is committed to pursuing a more robust recycling program for paper, bottles and cans in all its county buildings; and

WHEREAS, immediate action on climate is needed to prevent the loss of property and life and insure continued economic success; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders supports goals to address climate change, ensure continued economic security and improve public health and enhance public safety as follows:

- Increase renewable energy requirements or renewable portfolio standard ("RPS"), to 80% by 2050
- Audit county greenhouse gas emissions and set a strong goal for reducing emissions to 80% by 2050
- Purchase 50% or more of the county's energy from renewable sources
- Determine ways to incentivize renewable purchases for county residents
- Incentivize solar by easing the permit process
- Update the building code to enable increased energy efficiency for county and municipal buildings
- Work with the local building trades to create job-training programs for solar installation and building retrofits; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders commits to ensuring economic security, improving public health and enhancing public safety for the residents of Essex County and, be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be distributed to Governor Chris Christie, Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto and the Essex County Legislative Delegation.

*Michael J. Parlumbis*

Approved as to form and legality \_\_\_\_\_  
Freeholder Counsel

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Freeholder Sebold  
Second by Freeholder Toro

Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS
BOBADILLA				✓	RICHARDSON	✓			
GILL, V.P.	✓				SEBOLD	✓			
JOHNSON	✓				TORO	✓			
JONES	✓								
LUCIANO	✓				TIMBERLAKE, PRES.	✓			

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was () adopted ( ) defeated ( ) tabled by roll call vote at a regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on June 24, 2015

Is Publication Required ( ) Yes ( ) No  
Date Published \_\_\_\_\_

*Britnee N. Timberlake*  
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Britnee N. Timberlake, President