

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST COCALICO IN SUPPORT OF THE HIGHLANDS CONSERVATION ACT

WHEREAS, the Highlands region, encompasses more than three million acres of Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands region is an area of national significance, possessing significant natural beauty, containing contiguous forest and productive farmland, numerous cultural and historic sites, substantial recreational opportunities, and the protection and supply of important drinking water sources for over fifteen million people; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress, in bipartisanship, passed the Highlands Conservation Act, Public Law 108-421 that was signed into law by the President of the United States on November 30, 2004, designating the Highlands as a significant national conservation priority region; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Conservation Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial assistance to Highlands States to preserve and protect high priority conservation land in the highland region; and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service will continue programs and assist Highlands States, local units of government, and private forest and farm landowners in the conservation of land and natural resources in the Highlands region; and

WHEREAS, land preservation efforts in the Highlands region should link the parks, historic sites, wetlands, wildlife habitats, streams, rivers, reservoirs, watersheds, trails, scenic and natural lands and other protected areas unique to the region for the enjoyment of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has designated the Highlands as one of five Mega-greenways in the state of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the counties of Adams, Berks, Bucks, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, York, are local units of government containing portions of the Highlands region in Pennsylvania.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Supervisors of the Township of East Cocalico, County of Lancaster, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that Resolution No. 2010-04 be adopted supporting:

Implementation of the spirit and intent of the Highlands Conservation Act and the protection of the Highlands region in Pennsylvania as an area rich in natural resources, which are important to the environmental quality and economic prosperity within the Commonwealth and our Township.

ADOPTED ON THIS 17th DAY OF February, 2010.

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP

Douglas B. Mackley, Chairman

Alan R. Fry, Vice-Chairman

Noelle B. Fortna, Secretary