

County of Atlantic, New Jersey



Resolution No.: 321

Approved as to Form and Legality

Submitted By:

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Freeholder Sponsor

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PENDING SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57 AND ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 75 AND URGING THEIR PASSAGE

WHEREAS, residents and leaders of Atlantic County reside and live in a portion of New Jersey blessed and enriched by our environment and proximity to the New Jersey Shore; and

WHEREAS, damage to the environment of Atlantic County by man-made enterprises are a source of great concern to the residents and leaders of Atlantic County; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2018 the City of New York filed a lawsuit for damages against companies that produce, market, sell and profit from the sale of fossil fuels, under public nuisance, private nuisance, and trespass claims inasmuch as fossil fuel companies, including BP, Chevron, Conoco, Phillips, Exxon Mobil, and Shell, have produced, marketed, and sold massive quantities of fossil fuels despite knowing that the combustion and use of fossil fuels emit greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide; and

WHEREAS, those fossil fuel companies have known for decades that greenhouse gas pollution accumulates and remains in the atmosphere for hundreds of years where it traps heat, causing climate change, which has caused grave harm to this State;

I, Sonya G. Harris, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting duly held

on the _____ day of _____ 2020

Signed _____
Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE															
FREEHOLDER	MOVED	SECOND	YES	NO	ABS	REC	AB	FREEHOLDER	MOVED	SECOND	YES	NO	ABS	REC	AB
BENNETT								GATTO							
BERTINO								KERN							
COURSEY								RISLEY							
DASE								FORMICA, Chairman							
FITZPATRICK															
ABS - Abstain				REC - Recuse				AB - Absent							



WHEREAS, the New Jersey legislature, by way of pending Resolutions Senate #57 and Assembly 75, urge Governor Murphy and Attorney General Grewal, on behalf of the State of New Jersey, to join the City of New York in pursuing all appropriate legal action against fossil fuel companies, in order to shift the past and projected costs associated with the harms caused by climate change onto the companies responsible for causing those harms; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Atlantic supports the pending Resolutions in the New Jersey Senate and Assembly and urges their passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey Senate, the New Jersey Assembly, and the Governor.