

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #114

Introduced by Legislator: Amy Sayegh on behalf of the Economic Development & Energy Committee at a Regular Meeting held on June 4, 2019.

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**APPROVAL/ CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PLEDGE**

**WHEREAS, Putnam County believes that climate change has impacted our local and global environments; and**

**WHEREAS, the effects of climate change has increased the need for actions that will protect our infrastructure, economy, farms and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations, reduce the spread of invasive species, protect drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities, and reduce potential threats to the health and well-being of our citizens; and**

**WHEREAS, Putnam County believes that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools and resilient infrastructures; and**

**WHEREAS, Putnam County believes the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and**

**WHEREAS, Putnam County believes that even with a reduction in emissions today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge, which comprises the following 10 elements:**

- 1) Build a climate-smart community.
- 2) Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.
- 3) Decrease energy use.
- 4) Shift to clean, renewable energy.
- 5) Use climate-smart materials management.
- 6) Implement climate-smart land use.
- 7) Enhance community resilience to climate change.
- 8) Support a green innovation economy.
- 9) Inform and inspire the public.
- 10) Engage in an evolving process of climate action.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Vote:

State Of New York

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County of Putnam

**I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution passed by the Putnam County Legislature while in session on June 4, 2019.**

Dated: June 7, 2019

Signed: *Diane Schonfeld*

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Clerk Of The Legislature Of Putnam County

