

**RESOLUTION NO. 111 of 2016****DATED: June 28, 2016**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NEW YORK STATE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PLEDGE
(ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING)**

Resolution by Legislator: Dimond**Seconded by:** Quackenbush

WHEREAS, Montgomery County believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and that is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe 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, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

RESOLVED, that Montgomery 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 ten elements:

1. Pledge to be a Climate Smart Community.
2. Set goals, inventory emissions, plan for climate action.
3. Decrease community energy use.
4. Increase community use of renewable energy.
5. Realize benefits of recycling and other climate-smart solid waste management practices.
6. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through use of climate-smart land-use tools.
7. Enhance community resilience and prepare for the effects of climate change.
8. Support development of a green innovation economy.
9. Inform and inspire the public.
10. Commit to an evolving process of climate action.

RESOLUTION VOTE, passed with Aye(6). Legislator Kelly voted Nay. Legislators Quackenbush and Wheeler were absent. (6/28/2016)

[Climate Smart Communities](#)***Statement of Legislative and Financial Impact:******I. Nature of Request:***

Resolution will make Montgomery County a Climate Smart Community

II. *Justification:*

Montgomery County recognizes the issues associated with Climate Change and by becoming a Climate Smart Community the County partners with other New York State Agencies with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and saving taxpayer money through climate smart actions that improve energy independence, economic vitality and resiliency to extreme weather.

III. *Legislative Impact:*

Authorized by Article 2 of the Montgomery County Charter.

IV. *Financial Impact:*

None

cc: County Clerk
County Treasurer
Economic Development/Planning Director

STATE OF NEW YORK County of Montgomery ss.:

Voting Record

Kelly	(R)	No
Quackenbush	(D)	Absent
Dimond	(D)	Yes
Weitz	(L)	Yes
Bieniek	(D)	Yes
Duchessi	(D)	Yes
Wheeler	(R)	Absent
Isabel	(D)	Yes
Purtell	(D)	Yes

This is to certify that I, the Undersigned, Clerk Of The Montgomery County Legislature, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office, and which was passed by the Montgomery County Legislature on the 28th day of June, 2016, a majority of all the members elected to the Legislature voting in favor thereof, and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and the official seal of the Montgomery County Legislature this 29th day of June, 2016

Totals:	Aye:	6
	Nay:	1
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	2

**This resolution was approved by the County Executive on 6/29/2016
Resolution was enacted on 6/29/2016**