



# TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN BOARD

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## **RESOLUTION No. 35 of 2017** **Authorizing Climate Smart Communities Pledge**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Amenia (the "Town") believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to its local and global environments and 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**, the Town believes that a response to climate change provides 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**, the Town believes the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town believes 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.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Town of Amenia, 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.

Motion made by Supervisor Perotti; and Seconded by Councilman Morris. The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilwomen and councilmen voting as follows:

Supervisor Perotti	Yes
Councilman Morris	Yes
Councilwoman Doyle	Yes
Councilman DeLango	Yes
Councilman Gutierrez	Yes

DATED: Amenia, New York  
September 7, 2017

  
DAWN MARIE KLINGNER, TOWN CLERK