

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A LAND USE PLEDGE COMMITTING TO GOOD,
PLANNED AND THOUGHTFUL LAND USE DECISIONS WITH THE INTENT OF MAKING
THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange is committed to having a sustainable future, and has enrolled as a participant in the state-wide Sustainable Jersey program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange prides itself on making informed, and beneficial land-use decisions to improve societal well-being, such as increased mobility, affordable housing, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, protection of its open space and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange recognizes that poor land use decisions can degrade the environment, reduce housing and transportation choices, increase health costs, and reduce overall well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has a strong tradition of home rule and local authority over planning and zoning, which requires that municipalities must take a leading role in achieving statewide sustainable land use patterns.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of West Orange is committed to continuing good, planned and thoughtful land use decisions with the intent of making our Township a sustainable community.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

Tammy Williams, Council President

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