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RESOLUTION NO. 2005-28

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP,
BUCKS COUNTY, TO URGE THE PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE TO BAN THE USE
OF MTBE**

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania states that it is the responsibility of the Commonwealth to "preserve the environment for the benefit of all the people including the provision of clean air and pure water," and;

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act of 1990 required the addition of 2% oxygen to gasoline but did not mandate the use of MTBE or any other specific oxygenate or additive, and;

WHEREAS, MTBE is a volatile organic chemical, a petroleum additive, used as an oxygenate by refineries to produce reformulated gasoline to meet Clean Air Act of 1990-EPA fact sheet, and;

WHEREAS, an EPA internal study concludes MTBE may cause cancer, and;

WHEREAS, MTBE enters the natural environment through leaking underground storage tanks filled with gasoline containing the contaminant as well as during the transporting of or transference of the fuel, and;

WHEREAS, at levels of 20 -40 ppb MTBE detections cause consumer odor and taste concerns, and;

WHEREAS, the 2005 U.S. Energy Bill requires refineries to use renewable fuels with incremental increases of 7.5 billion gallons by 2012, and;

WHEREAS, nineteen states have actions banning the use of MTBE, and;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has both a constitutional right and duty to remove risks posed by MTBE by phasing out its use in liquid fuels throughout the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Plumstead Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, that Plumstead Township calls on the Pennsylvania legislature to phase out and ban the use of MTBE in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

RESOLVED, at a duly convened meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Plumstead Township conducted on this 6th day of December, A.D., 2005.

PLUMSTEAD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: Frank P. Froio, Chair

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By: Housley Carr, member

By: Stacey Mulholland, member

Attest: Elizabeth A. Sunday