Resolution of the Borough of Narberth calling on the United States Congress to address Climate Change by considering and exploring a Carbon Fee and Dividend

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of Narberth is committed to fighting climate change and is committed to protecting the residents and Borough of Narberth from the effects of climate change and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Climate change poses a serious threat to the residents and Borough of Narberth in terms of the economy, public health, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, As a result of climate change, the Northeast is experiencing warming temperatures and a large increase in the amount of rainfall measured during heavy precipitation events; and

WHEREAS, Elevated carbon dioxide, moisture, and higher temperatures are already increasing pollen and mold growth, worsening asthma, lung diseases and allergic symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Sea level rise, more intense storms, and more frequent heavy rains are expected to increase flooding, threaten infrastructure, leading to increased water contamination and disease outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, As temperatures rise, agriculture will likely face reduced yields, potentially damaging livelihoods and the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, Congress has the responsibility to act swiftly and meaningfully on the issue of climate change; and

WHEREAS, Legislation addressing climate change should not economically burden Narberth Borough; and

WHEREAS, Carbon Fee and Dividend as put forth by the Citizens’ Climate Lobby
greatly helps fight climate change, protects the Narberth Borough and our residents from the effects of climate change, and is a net economic boost to Narberth; now, therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Narberth, this 15th day of March, 2017, as follows:

For the reasons set forth above, Borough Council calls on the United States Congress to address climate change and explore a Carbon Fee and Dividend as a sound, effective policy.

ENACTED into a Resolution this 15th day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:

Sean Metrick, Borough Secretary

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THE BOROUGH OF NARBERTH

Aaron Muderick, Council President

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