

BOROUGH OF MEDIA

RESOLUTION #2010-11

**IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH'S ADOPTION OF AN
ORDINANCE ASSERTING LOCAL CONTROL TO BAN CORPORATE GAS
DRILLING**

WHEREAS, local elected officials are responsible for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of residents of their municipality; and

WHEREAS, laws and regulations adopted by State government authorizing certain harmful corporate activities within our municipalities have gutted our ability to protect our residents and the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, those State actions constitute the empowerment of a corporate minority over our community majority, and thus violate our inherent right to local, democratic, self-government; and

WHEREAS, making the rights of our community subordinate to corporate and State decision-makers is seen most clearly in the assertion of legal privileges and powers by gas extraction corporations focused on the Marcellus Shale formation to stop municipal governments from controlling gas drilling within their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh City Council is determined to make a stand on behalf of the inherent right to local self-government, to the benefit of all of our municipalities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Media supports the City of Pittsburgh's adoption of its Community Protection from Natural Gas Extraction Ordinance; which bans corporate gas drilling while challenging the authority of corporations to override Pittsburgh's assertion of local self-governing powers; and that the Borough of Media calls for the constitutional recognition of the right to community local self-government in Pennsylvania.

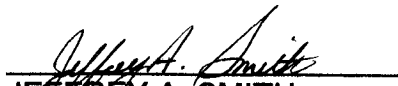
RESOLVED THIS 16th DAY OF DECEMBER 2010

BY:



PETE ALYANAKIAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


JEFFREY A. SMITH
BOROUGH SECRETARY