

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-06R**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NEW HOPE, COUNTY OF BUCKS, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH'S ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ASSERTING LOCAL CONTROL TO BAN GAS DRILLING**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, those state actions violate our inherent right to local, democratic, self-government; and

**WHEREAS**, the rights of our communities to control gas drilling are ignored by bureaucratic decision-makers and those intent on extracting natural gas from the Marcellus Shale formation; and

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

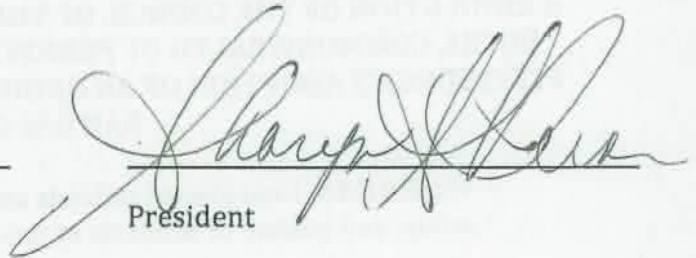
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of New Hope, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, that Council supports the City of Pittsburgh's adoption of a *Community Protection From Natural Gas Extraction Ordinance*, which bans gas drilling within the City of Pittsburgh and challenges the authority of state bureaucrats and private interests to supersede Pittsburgh's assertion of local autonomy; and further that Council calls for recognition by the state of the right of local governments to protect the health, safety, and welfare of their residents.

**RESOLVED AND ENACTED** this 18th day of January 2011.

**COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH  
OF NEW HOPE**

**ATTEST:**

  
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Secretary

  
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President