RESOLUTION

URGING SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL A575 AND
SENATE BILL S253 WHICH PROHIBITS TREATMENT,
DISCHARGE, DISPOSAL, OR STORAGE OF WASTEWATER,
WASTEWATER SOLIDS, SLUDGE, DRILL CUTTINGS OR OTHER
BYPRODUCTS FROM NATURAL GAS EXPLORATION OR
PRODUCTION USING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING (PASSED
BOTH HOUSES 6/21/12 and 6/25/12)

WHEREAS, new drilling and hydraulic fracturing
("fracking") technologies have made it feasible to extract large
amounts of oil and gas from shale and similar underground rock
formations; and

WHEREAS, this shale development has been a boon for the
oil and gas industry; and

WHEREAS, to frac a shale gas well, millions of gallons of
fracking fluid, a blend of water, sand and chemicals are pumped
underground at high pressure to break up shale rock, allowing gas
to flow into the well; and

WHEREAS, the technology for shale oil development is
essentially the same; and

WHEREAS, known and suspected carcinogens that have
been present in fracking fluids include naphthalene, benzene and
acrylamide; and

WHEREAS, other environmental toxins present in xylenes,
WHEREAS, other environmental toxins present in xylenes, can result in nervous system kidney and/or liver problems; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature passed, by an overwhelming majority and just prior to its summer recess,
A575 and S253, which prohibit the treatment, disposal, and discharge of wastes from hydraulic fracturing operations in the State; and

WHEREAS, this measure is vital to preserving the State's natural resources and preventing serious environmental degradation; and

WHEREAS, this matter was reviewed at the Freeholder Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting of August 7, 2012 with a recommendation that the full Board support the adoption of these Bills with a letter to Governor Christie requesting that the legislation be signed into law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Passaic County that they hereby support Assembly Bill A575 and Senate Bill S253 and urge Governor Christie to sign the approved legislation into law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Passaic County Freeholder Director is hereby authorized to execute letter of support to be forwarded to Governor Christie.

JRS/meg

This resolution was requested by:

[Signature]

Reviewed by:

[Signature]

ANTHONY J. DE NOVA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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WILLIAM J. PASCRELL, III
COUNTY COUNSEL

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Dated: August 14, 2012

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