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**NEW YORK STATE CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES PLEDGE**

WHEREAS; Chemung County residents, businesses, infrastructure, and natural resources are at risk of being negatively impacted by climate change through flooding, extreme heat, and other hazards; and

WHEREAS; Support for the planning and implementation of projects and programs that build community resilience to climate change impacts, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and adapt to a changing climate are available from federal, state, and other funding sources; and

WHEREAS; NEW YORK STATE offers a Climate Smart Communities certification program to support climate change planning and implementation by local governments; and

WHEREAS; Participation in the Climate Smart Communities program requires a pledge to register;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chemung County, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

1. Build a climate-smart community
2. Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action
3. Decrease energy use
4. Shift to clean, renewable energy
5. Use climate-smart materials management
6. Implement climate-smart land use
7. Enhance community resilience to climate change
8. Support a green innovation economy
9. Inform and inspire the public
10. Engage in an evolving process of climate action