

## **Model Resolution**

### **Supporting a Statewide Moratorium on New Data Center Development Pending Comprehensive State Planning**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE [TOWNSHIP/BOROUGH/CITY] OF [NAME], COUNTY OF [NAME], STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE MORATORIUM ON NEW DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT UNTIL THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTS A COMPREHENSIVE REGULATORY AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN**

WHEREAS, large-scale data centers are rapidly expanding across the United States, including in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, data centers are energy-intensive facilities that require substantial electrical capacity, water usage for cooling, and significant land area; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impacts of data center development may affect local electric grids, water supplies, ratepayers, land use patterns, greenhouse gas emissions, and community character; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are often asked to evaluate individual data center proposals without the benefit of a coordinated statewide assessment of infrastructure capacity, environmental impacts, grid reliability, water availability, or long-term climate implications; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has adopted ambitious climate, clean energy, and environmental justice goals that may be directly affected by the scale and siting of future data center development; and

WHEREAS, responsible planning for data center growth requires coordinated analysis by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Office of Planning Advocacy, regional grid operators, and other relevant agencies; and

WHEREAS, a temporary statewide moratorium would provide the State with the opportunity to develop a comprehensive framework addressing energy demand, water use, environmental impacts, siting standards, grid upgrades, ratepayer protections, and alignment with state climate commitments; and

WHEREAS, such a framework would provide municipalities with clear guidance and ensure that future data center development occurs in a manner that protects residents, infrastructure, and natural resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the [Governing Body] of the [Township/Borough/City] of [Name], County of [Name], State of New Jersey, that:

1. The [Municipality Name] hereby supports the establishment of a temporary, statewide moratorium on approval of new large-scale data center developments until the State of New Jersey adopts a comprehensive regulatory and infrastructure plan governing such facilities.
2. The [Municipality Name] respectfully urges the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Legislature, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, the Department of Environmental Protection, and other relevant state agencies to initiate and complete such planning in a transparent and timely manner.
3. The Clerk of the [Municipality Name] is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Governor of New Jersey, the President of the New Jersey Senate, the Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, the municipality's State legislative delegation, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption according to law.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I, [Clerk Name], Clerk of the [Municipality Name], County of [Name], State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the [Governing Body] at a meeting held on [Date].

[Clerk Name]  
Municipal Clerk