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## Resolution for Participation in and Commitment to 10% Challenge

Whereas the Town of Red Hook has become an Energy Smart Community and engaged in actions to reduce green house gases;

Whereas energy costs show no sign of falling;

Whereas the majority of Americans want swift action on climate change from government, businesses and communities;

Whereas valuable local resources such as *Central Hudson* and *NYSERDA* are underutilized in helping communities reach real reductions in energy use while saving money;

Whereas *Sustainable Hudson Valley* has brought together resources in the form of the “10% Challenge” to support outreach, education, action and results,

Whereas the different community interests and businesses stand to profit in products and services through the purchase of energy efficient appliances and participation in rebate programs; and

Whereas community members are looking to take action and get directly involved in combating climate change and building a clean energy economy.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Red Hook will commit to the “10% Challenge” working with Sustainable Hudson Valley and identified local partners to:

- 1) achieve a 10% community wide reduction in green house gas emissions through energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy installations, appliance upgrades, and other measurable actions in homes, businesses, and public institutions; and,
- 2) generate a base of leadership that includes at least 10% of the community to sustain and support reduction steps.

Commitment to the “10% Challenge” does not constitute a financial commitment, but the Town will make volunteer commitments to assist in energy and cost savings for its residents, institutions, and businesses and improve the quality of life for it’s community. The CAC will manage the “10% Challenge” and report monthly to the Town Board on the actions taken and progress achieved.