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Resolution for Participation in and Commitment to 10% Challenge

Whereas the Village of Red Hook as part of 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 action on climate change is needed by government, businesses and communities;

Whereas organizations such as *Central Hudson* and *NYSERDA* are underutilized in helping residents reach real reductions in energy use while saving money;

Whereas local groups have brought together resources in the form of the “10% Challenge” to support outreach, education, action and results, including seminars on October 10, 2010;

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 Village of Red Hook will commit to the “10% Challenge” working with 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 require nor constitute a financial commitment, but the Village 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 village and Town CAC will coordinate the “10% Challenge” and report monthly to Board on the actions taken and progress achieved.