

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE (NAME) TOWNSHIP  
ENDORISING THE PETITION FOR INITIAL PLAN ENDORSEMENT  
AND DESIGNATING THE (TOWNSHIP PERSON'S TITLE)  
TO SUBMIT THE PETITION AND EXECUTE  
THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of (NAME) Township desire to obtain Plan Endorsement from the State Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Plan Endorsement is a process developed by the State Planning Commission to approve municipal, county, regional plans that are consistent with the State Development and Redevelopment Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Plan Endorsement process is to reach the following goals by increasing the consistency among municipal, county, regional and State agency plans with each other and with the State Plan, and to facilitate the implementation of these plans.

The goals of plan endorsement are to:

1. Encourage municipal, county, regional and state agency plans to be coordinated and support each other to achieve the goals of the State Plan;
2. Encourage municipalities and counties to plan on a regional basis with recognizing the fundamental role of the municipal master plan and development regulations;
3. Consider the entire municipality, including Centers, Cores, Nodes and Environs, within the context of regional systems;
4. Provide an opportunity for all government entities and the public to discuss and resolve common planning issues;
5. Provide a framework to guide and support state investment programs and permitting assistance in the implementation of municipal, county and regional plans that meet statewide objectives; and
6. Learn new planning approaches and techniques from municipal, county and regional governments for dissemination throughout the state and possible incorporation into the State Plan. (The New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan, 2001, page 14).
7. Ensure that petitions for Plan Endorsement are consistent with applicable State land use statutes and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, Plan Endorsement is the process by which a (TYPE) center can be designated in the State Plan Policy Map; and

WHEREAS, the Township's petition for initial plan endorsement is proposing the designation of a (TYPE) center within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, if the Township is successful in achieving plan endorsement, it will entitle the Township to a higher priority for available funding, streamlined permit reviews, and coordinated state agency services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan Endorsement Guidelines approved by the State Planning Commission note that if there is a need for better planning resources, the Office of Smart Growth will work with the applicant on a scope of work needed, with a timeline for completion.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF (NAME) TOWNSHIP AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Initial Petition for Plan Endorsement is hereby endorsed for submission to the Office of Smart Growth and State Planning Commission.

Section 2. The (TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL) is hereby directed to submit the Initial Petition and execute the final Planning and Implementation Agreement which shall outline the commitments on the part of the State and the petitioner to implement the endorsed plan.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

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(Signed)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**(NAME) TOWNSHIP**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the (NAME) Township Council will hold a public hearing to review the Township's petition for Initial Plan Endorsement which has been prepared pursuant to the State Planning Commission's regulations set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:85-7.1, et seq. and the Plan Endorsement Guidelines approved by the State Planning Commission on April 28, 2004. The public hearing will be held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2006 at \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. A copy of the petition for Initial Plan Endorsement is available for public inspection in \_\_\_\_\_ between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. This notice is being provided pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:85-1.7(d).

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**DOVER TOWNSHIP**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Dover Township Mayor and Council have endorsed the Initial Petition for Plan Endorsement and have directed the Township Engineer to submit said petition to the Office of Smart Growth and State Planning Commission on their behalf. This notice is being provided pursuant to NJAC 5:85-1.7(d).