Board of Supervisors Township of Tinicum, Bucks County, PA Resolution 071321.01

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE NJDOT, DEVIL'S TEA TABLE ROCKFALL MITIGATION PROJECT CONCERNS

WHEREAS the New Jersey Department of Transportation intends to construct rockfall mitigation in Kingwood Township, NJ on cliffs adjacent to the "Devil's Tea Table Rock Formation" approximately 3 miles of Route 29; and

WHEREAS the lower Delaware River segments were designated a National Wild and Scenic River by Congress and President Clinton in 2000; and

WHEREAS Tinicum Township Bucks County, PA is a municipal member of the Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River Management Council; and

WHEREAS the river bluffs from Byram Road in Pennsylvania north to Devil's Tea Table are noted as having "remarkable scenic values" in the Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River corridor; and

WHEREAS the area parallels the Delaware River Scenic Byway, a designation by the USDOT and is subject to the Delaware River Corridor Management Plan; and

WHEREAS the Devil's Tea Table geologic formation also has a unique local, historical and Geological significance and is believed to hold religious significance to Native American peoples; and

WHEREAS Tinicum Township, Bucks County PA believes that life health and safety is the highest priority for any matter, and requests that an environmental review by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and less impactful options be considered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) prior to approval of this mitigation project; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors of Tinicum Township, Bucks County understand that affected neighboring municipalities have expressed concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tinicum Township Bucks County, PA Board of Supervisors supports the position of those elected officials of the affected neighboring municipalities and the request of the Lower Delaware Wild and Scenic River Management Council for further consideration of public safety, natural habitat and environmental impacts, economic impacts and traffic concerns for the NJDOT Devils Tea Table Rockfall mitigation project.

Tinicum Township Board of Supervisors

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John Blanchard, Chairperson

Attest:

Richard Rosamilia, Vice Chairperson

James Helms, Supervisor