

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13

**NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

A RESOLUTION OF NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY LIGHTS OUT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS: An Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) was established for the purpose of advising the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors and other boards and committees of the Township on matters dealing with the protection, conservation, management, and use of natural resources, including air, land, and water resources located within the township, and to help educate residents about the importance of environmental protection.

WHEREAS: The National Audubon Society's (NAS) Lights Out program aims to reduce the number of deaths of migrating birds caused by light pollution. Artificial light at night can disrupt bird migration in a variety of ways, including disorienting birds from their routes and causing collisions with buildings, resulting in millions of bird fatalities each year. New Britain Township is part of the Atlantic Flyway, one of our nation's four migration flyways. Many species of birds typically follow these paths that provide them opportunities to rest and refuel on their long journeys. Supporting the Lights Out program will minimize unnecessary bird deaths while reducing energy usage.

WHEREAS: The NAS Lights Out Program encourages residents and business owners to turn off or dim exterior and interior lighting from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., from Aug. 15 to Nov. 15, and again from April 1 to May 31. During those months, the public is asked to limit or eliminate the outdoor light their homes and businesses emit. Lighting with orange or red bulbs can also be helpful, if turning off lighting is not possible.

WHEREAS: By supporting NAS Lights Out, New Britain Township would be joining a nationwide effort which includes 50 cities, such as Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Harrisburg. The program also is supported by some of our neighboring communities, including Doylestown Township and Doylestown Borough.

WHEREAS: The New Britain Township EAC recommends the Board of Supervisors support the Lights Out program and encourage the township's residents and commercial property owners to participate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of New Britain Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, hereby endorses the Lights Out program.

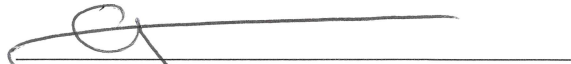
DULY ADOPTED, this 5th day of August, 2024, by the Board of Supervisors of New Britain Township, in lawful session assembled.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


ATTEST:




Daniel Fox,
Township Manager



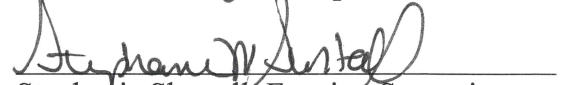
Cynthia M. Jones, Chair



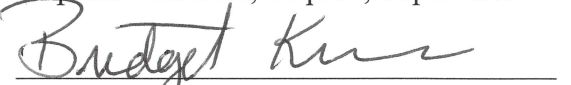
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