SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, Pa. REGARDING THE NJDOT, DEVIL'S TEA TABLE ROCKFALL MITIGATION PROJECT CONCERNS

RESOLUTION 2022-104

WHEREAS the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) intends to construct rockfall mitigation in Kingwood Township, NJ on cliffs adjacent to the "Devil's Tea Table Rock Formation" approximately 3miles 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 Solebury Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania 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 U.S. Department of Transportation (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 the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township believes that life, health and safety are the highest priorities 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 NJDOT prior to approval of this mitigation project; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township understands that affected neighboring municipalities have expressed concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solebury Township 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.

RESOLVED, ADOPTED and APPROVED, on the 9 day of July, 2022, at a regular public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township.

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mark Baum Baicker, Chair

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Catherine Cataldi, Township Secretary

Date: July 19,2022