

**LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. LNT-43-24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LOWER NAZARETH
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING
LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP BE OFFICIALLY
INCLUDED IN THE FEDERAL HIGHLANDS
CONSERVATION REGION BOUNDARY**

WHEREAS, the Highlands region, encompasses more than three million acres in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands region is an area of national significance, possessing substantial natural beauty, containing contiguous forest and productive farmland, numerous cultural and historic sites, plentiful recreation opportunities, and the protection and supply of important drinking water sources for over fifteen million people; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress, in bipartisanship, passed the Highlands Conservation Act, Public Law 10-421 that was signed into law by the President of the United States on November 30, 2004, designating the Highlands as a significant national conservation priority region; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Conservation Act authorizes the Secretary of Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial assistance to Highlands States to preserve and protect high priority conservation land in the Highlands region; and

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service manages a voluntary grant program to assist Highlands States, local units of government, and private forest and farm landowners in the conservation of land and natural resources in the Highlands region in coordination with willing sellers; and


WHEREAS, land preservation efforts in the Highlands region should link the parks, historic sites, wetlands, wildlife habitats, streams, rivers, reservoirs, watershed, trails, scenic and natural lands, and other protected areas unique to the region for the enjoyment of future generations; and

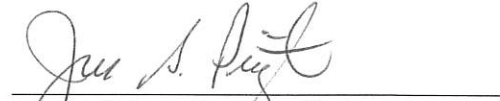
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Lower Nazareth supports being officially included in the federal Highlands boundary, as maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Highlands Conservation Act grant program, thereby qualifying for financial and technical assistance provided by the U.S. Congress.

DULY ADOPTED, this 13th day of November, 2024, by a majority of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Nazareth Township at a duly advertised public meeting where a quorum of the Board of Supervisors was present.

ATTEST:

**LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Lori A. Stauffer, Assistant Secretary


James S. Pennington, Chairman