

TULPEHOCKEN TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
TULPEHOCKEN, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA DECLARING ITS SUPPORT
GREATER ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING STATE AND FEDERAL STATUTES
CONCERNING FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF AGRICULTURAL LAND**

WHEREAS, the legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania enacted the Agricultural Land Acquisition by Aliens Law 1980, April 6, P.L. 102, No. 39; and

WHEREAS, Agricultural Land Acquisition by Aliens Law was codified at 68 P.S. §41 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Agricultural Land Acquisition by Aliens Law provides in part that an alien as defined therein shall not acquire, except through inheritance, an interest in agricultural land, exceeding 100 acres, 68 P.S. §41; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is charged with enforcing Agricultural Land Acquisition by Aliens Law pursuant to the procedures set forth therein, 68 P.S. §45; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Tulpehocken is an agricultural community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Tulpehocken are concerned with foreign or alien ownership of agricultural land in violation of the Agricultural Land Acquisition by Aliens Law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Tulpehocken supports the Agricultural Land Acquisition by Aliens Law; and

WHEREAS, to ensure compliance with the Agricultural Land Acquisition by Aliens Law the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Tulpehocken desires to express its support for greater enforcement and compliance of the Law and any other Commonwealth of Pennsylvania laws regulating foreign or alien ownership of agricultural lands in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced in the United States Congress limiting foreign and alien ownership of agricultural lands across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Tulpehocken expresses its support and desire for enactment of legislation by the Congress of the United States regulating the foreign and alien ownership of agricultural lands in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, that it supports the Agricultural Land Acquisition by Aliens Law.

FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, that its desires greater enforcement and compliance of the Agricultural Land Acquisition by Aliens Law and any other Commonwealth of Pennsylvania laws regulating foreign or alien ownership of agricultural lands in the Commonwealth by the Department of Agriculture.

FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania that it supports and desires enactment of legislation by the Congress of the United States regulating the foreign and alien ownership of agricultural lands in the United States.

FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and representatives of the Township of Township in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and United States of America legislators.

FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution shall also be provided to the Berks County Grange and Berks County Farm Bureau.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision, sentence, clause, section, or part of this Resolution shall for any reason be found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such determination shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Resolution, and it is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Tulpehocken that this Resolution would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision, sentence, clause, section or part not been included herein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Resolutions or parts of Resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby superseded.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of Tulpehocken Township has adopted this Resolution in lawful session this 10th day of November, 2020.



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
TULPEHOCKEN TOWNSHIP,
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

By: Sam A. Dech
Chairman

Richard A Kramer
Member

Peter A. Flick
Member

Attest: Christy Flaherty
Secretary

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, which was fully adopted at a public meeting held pursuant to notice as required by law on the 10th day of November, 2020.


Secretary of Tulpehocken Township

Dated: November 10, 2020