

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATURAL GAS AS A SOURCE OF GREEN ENERGY AND URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND STATE OF OHIO TO RECOGNIZE AMERICAN PRODUCED NATURAL GAS AS A SOURCE OF ABUNDANT, AFFORDABLE, GREEN ENERGY

WHEREAS, America has an abundant supply of natural gas; and

- 1) The U.S. has been the world's top producer of natural gas since 2011, when it overtook Russia, and it has been a net exporter since 2017.
- 2) The Energy Information Administration (EIA) of the US Department of Energy estimates that the United States has enough natural gas to last for nearly another 100 years.
- 3) Ohio is now the nation's sixth largest producer of natural gas, with a production total of 2.33 billion cubic feet in 2020

WHEREAS, natural gas is America's most affordable energy source; and

- 1) Innovations and increases in America's natural gas production have saved an average family of four \$2,500 per year. From 2007 to 2019, that's \$203 billion dollars in annual savings for American consumers.

WHEREAS, natural gas helps drive economic development in Ohio; and

- 2) In 2019, there were 375,210 jobs related to the oil and natural gas industry in Ohio—5.3% of state employment.
- 3) In 2019, Ohio workers with jobs related to the oil and natural gas industry earned an average of \$65,832 a year.
- 4) From 2011 to 2018, 700 new businesses were established across Ohio to support the shale industry, bringing in over \$63.9 billion in new investment.

WHEREAS, natural gas is also environmentally friendly; and

- 1) Using natural gas to generate energy results in fewer emissions of nearly all types of air pollutants, including carbon dioxide, compared to other fossil fuels.
- 2) According to the Environmental Protection Agency, since 1970, combined emissions of key air pollutants have dropped by 78 percent in the United States.
- 3) The United States methane emissions were 10 percent lower in 2020 compared to 2005, despite the United States increasing production of natural gas by nearly 100 percent between 2005 to 2020.

Since 2005, two-thirds of the power sector greenhouse gas emissions reductions are a direct result of the switch to natural gas. ("Natural Gas: A Boon to the U.S. Economy...and Environment," [Energy In Depth](#), 4/19/18)

WHEREAS, in July 2022, the European Union has designated natural gas as a source of green energy (10);

and

WHEREAS, Congressman Troy Balderson (OH 12) has introduced legislation in the United States Congress that would recognize natural gas as a green energy source ([H.Res.1148](#), Introduced 5/31/22); and

WHEREAS, recognizing natural gas as a source of green energy would support United States production of natural gas and natural gas infrastructure improvement and help identify and remove barriers to the production of natural gas; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Ashtabula County Commissioners strongly urge the United States Congress and State of Ohio to recognize American produced natural gas as a source of abundant, affordable, green energy.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Resolution No. 2023-39

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Upon the motion of J.P. Ducro IV, seconded by Kathryn L. Whittington.

VOTE:

**Casey R. Kozlowski
Kathryn L. Whittington
J.P. Ducro IV**

**Aye
Aye
Aye**

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio