

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE USE AND PURCHASE OF HYBRID VEHICLES

1. **WHEREAS**, American reliance on foreign oil is a growing and serious threat to the national security and economic vitality of the United States; and
2. **WHEREAS**, the United States of America is responsible for producing approximately 25 percent of the world's global warming pollutants; and
3. **WHEREAS**, petroleum combustion accounts for about 40% of all U.S. CO2 emissions; and
4. **WHEREAS**, oil is only used to generate 2% of American electricity; and
5. **WHEREAS**, recent, well-documented impacts of climate disruption include average global sea level increases of four to eight inches during the 20th century; a 40 percent decline in Arctic sea-ice thickness; and
6. **WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey has previously adopted policies calling for actions to reduce global warming pollution; and
7. **WHEREAS**, hybrid vehicles can reduce reliance on imported oil and decrease greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants generated by vehicles; and
8. **WHEREAS**, hybrid technology can accomplish reductions in greenhouse gas and reliance on oil more quickly than a number of other emerging technologies; and
9. **WHEREAS**, hybrid vehicles will also help American citizens, businesses, and communities save on fuel costs;
10. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Cranford endorses the use of hybrid vehicles; and
11. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township of Cranford commits to considering the purchase of such vehicles whenever any vehicle purchases are required by or proposed for the Township, with the intent of purchasing hybrid vehicles whenever reasonably possible; and
12. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township of Cranford supports federal and state legislation that funds incentives, demonstration projects, and fleet orders for hybrid vehicles.