



## **CLARION COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

### **Resolution No. 11 for 2014**

#### **State and Local Government Resolution Regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's Proposed Clean Power Plan**

**WHEREAS**, America's coal millers have worked for decades to provide the means to energize our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, doing so has cost the lives of more than 100,000 miners who have been killed in the mines over the last 100 years, and another 100,000 who have died from contracting occupational diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, tens of thousands of retired miners, their dependents and surviving spouses depend on the pensions and health care earned through decades of hard, dangerous work; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands more miners are at work every day in our nation's coal mines to provide a decent standard of living for their families and are the economic drivers of their local economies; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed a "Clean Power Plan" (CPP) rule with the stated intention of reducing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions which contribute to climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, the CPP rule will lead to the closure of coal-burning power plants throughout the United States, resulting in the loss of more than 52,000 jobs in the coal, utility and railroad industries by 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, further direct job losses in those industries will reach 65,000 by 2030 as a result of this rule; and

**WHEREAS**, these job losses will have a ripple effect in the communities throughout the coalfields and beyond, where more than 208,000 jobs will be lost by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, the retirement security for retirees, spouses and widows will be put at significant risk as a result of this proposed rule; and

**WHEREAS**, independent analysis indicates that there will be approximately a one percent reduction in global greenhouse gas emissions as a result of the CPP rule, meaning that it will have little real effect toward meeting its stated goal; and

**WHEREAS**, the EPA has not seen fit to hold public hearings on this rule in coalfield communities, but has instead held them in cities that aren't near coal mines or coal workers; and

**WHEREAS**, the people who will be most adversely affected by this rule are being shut out of the process, with no vote, no voice and no consideration being paid to what will happen to them and their communities; now,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the County of Clarion does hereby call on U.S. EPA to schedule public hearings in the coalfields; and

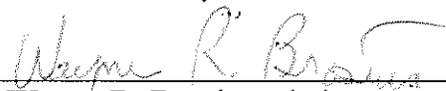
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County of Clarion does hereby call on U.S. EPA to either withdraw the proposed rule or revise it to eliminate the economic shocks that will occur to critical coalfield communities throughout the United States; and

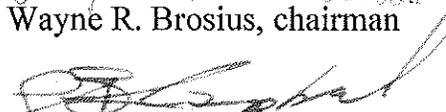
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County of Clarion will send copies of this resolution to the United Mine Workers of America and to our federal elected officials.

Clarion County Board of Commissioners

Date: September 23, 2014

By:

  
Wayne R. Brosius, chairman

  
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ATTEST:

