

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE UTILIZATION OF RENEWABLE CLEAN ENERGY IN
BROOME COUNTY**

Adopted at the 7/11/02 EMC Meeting

- WHEREAS, The generation of electricity from the burning of fossil fuels contributes to air pollution, greenhouse gases, acid rain, and smog; and the generation of electricity from nuclear power poses a potential threat to public and environmental health, and
- WHEREAS, appropriately located wind generation facilities and photovoltaic (solar) plants can provide clean and safe sources of electrical power, are becoming more economically competitive as demand grows and technology advances, and can help reduce our nation's dependence on foreign energy sources, and
- WHEREAS, bioenergy technologies help protect the environment by making use of renewable plant material and other wastes, displacing more polluting forms of energy generation, and
- WHEREAS, New York State's power utilities may purchase electricity from power generating companies that utilize renewable forms of electricity generation and these sources can play a significant role in supporting the State's power supply needs, and
- WHEREAS, one of the priorities identified in the Broome County Environmental Management Council's (EMC) 2002 Work Plan is investigating emerging energy issues, including generation alternatives, and
- WHEREAS, consumers can show their preference for alternative energy sources by purchasing renewable energy through local utilities that offer this opportunity, at the same time increasing the contribution of renewable energy to the local electric power supply grid, and
- WHEREAS, the continued use of clean energy will gradually reduce costs of power generation resulting in savings to consumers, and
- WHEREAS, an opportunity to support clean energy in Broome County will be offered by Community Energy, Inc. and NYSEG, which will provide a mechanism for our community to participate in building the demand for wind energy, now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that the EMC encourages Broome County residents, businesses, non-profit institutions, and municipalities to show their preference for clean power generation in New York State by taking advantage of opportunities to purchase renewable energy for a portion of their electricity use, and be it
- FURTHER RESOLVED,
that the EMC encourages the Broome County Legislature to support measures to promote clean power generation in Broome County and New York State, including actions by consumers to purchase renewable energy when it becomes available in Broome County.