

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE CONCEPT OF THE SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH  
NATIONAL MEMORIAL TRAIL SYSTEM**

**RESOLUTION 2018-\_\_\_**

**WHEREAS**, the September Eleventh National Memorial Trail (“9-11 NMT”) is a 1,300 mile symbol of resiliency and character that links the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Washington D.C. and the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and serves as a tribute to the fallen men and women who perished on September 11, 2001;

**WHEREAS**, the 9-11 NMT is a multipurpose trail system that provides cyclists, hikers and walkers a valued public resource and an opportunity to experience breathtaking landscapes, explore new towns and engage in this unique historic trail;

**WHEREAS**, the 9-11 NMT routing studies were completed in 2015 in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, by the September 11th Trail Alliance, along with cooperation of local and state governments, assistance of federal agencies, and great friendships of East Coast Greenway, the C&O Canal, and the Great Allegheny Passage;

**WHEREAS**, the 9-11 NMT, will pass through sites showcasing the nation’s industrial, historic, patriotic history, and cultural diversity;

**WHEREAS**, the 9-11 NMT is currently an off-road trail with inter-connecting roadways and will be a complete shared-use pathway that will connect the Flight 93 National Memorial, the National September Eleventh Memorial and Museum and the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial;

**WHEREAS**, the 9-11 NMT unifies New York City, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Washington DC, Virginia and West Virginia;

**WHEREAS**, Solebury Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania joins other municipalities in seven states and with the District of Columbia through which the 9-11 NMT runs in endorsing the trail;

**WHEREAS**, the 9-11 NMT will spur the building of a network of pedestrian and bicycling greenways through Solebury Township, a goal of Solebury Township’s Comprehensive Plan, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and other agencies;

**WHEREAS**, the 9-11 NMT will serve bicyclists, walkers, equestrians, the physically challenged and other non-motorized and motorized users, both local residents and long-distance travelers;

**WHEREAS**, the 9-11 NMT, by providing a largely off-road route separated from vehicular traffic, will encourage people of all ages to be outdoors more, improving their health and physical fitness while enjoying their playing fields, parks and nature preserves; and

**WHEREAS**, the 9-11 NMT, by offering tourists and shoppers access to natural, cultural and historical sites, will bring economic benefits to municipalities and businesses along the route.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township, Buck County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, endorses the concept of the 9-11 NMT and its passage through the Township of Solebury, on roads and trails and encourages our neighboring municipalities to do the same; and to support the use and designation of existing trails along the alignment of the 9-11 NMT; and to process the requested installation of 9-11 NMT signage in accordance with Township regulations and in coordination with the Solebury Township Public Works Department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the 9-11 NMT, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

**RESOLVED, ADOPTED and APPROVED**, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, at a regular public meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township.

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Helen Tai, Chair

Attest:

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Catherine Cataldi, Township Secretary

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Date