

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging Amazon to choose a location in Pennsylvania as the
2 future home of HQ2.

3 WHEREAS, On September 7, 2017, Amazon announced that it is
4 seeking to open a second company headquarters in North America
5 (Amazon HQ2) and will conduct a comprehensive search to decide
6 on the location; and

7 WHEREAS, The HQ2 campus will require up to 8 million square
8 feet of new space, may cost more than \$5 billion to build and
9 will employ up to 50,000 new full-time employees in the years
10 following commencement of operations; and

11 WHEREAS, Amazon issued a request for proposals for HQ2
12 highlighting specific requirements for an ideal site, including
13 a metropolitan area of at least 1 million people, greenfield or
14 infill space available to meet Amazon's space needs in multiple
15 phases, access to mass transit on site, close proximity to a
16 major international airport and a location able to attract and
17 retain strong technical talent; and

1 WHEREAS, The cities of Pennsylvania have commercial and
2 noncommercial real estate that is as affordable, if not more so,
3 than other cities in the United States, comparable in size and
4 density and its cost of living is below the national average;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's cities have growing millennial
7 populations with both Philadelphia and Pittsburgh ranking as
8 some of the fastest cities for millennial growth of any of the
9 nation's 10 largest cities; and

10 WHEREAS, With 164 four-year colleges out of 388 colleges,
11 community colleges and trade schools, Pennsylvania offers a
12 diverse pool of highly-skilled, experienced experts and young
13 professionals; and

14 WHEREAS, The University of Pennsylvania, Carnegie Mellon
15 University, Lehigh University, Villanova University, The
16 Pennsylvania State University, the University of Pittsburgh,
17 Drexel University, Temple University and Duquesne University are
18 all ranked nationally by U.S. News and World Report; and

19 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is an international gateway, perfectly
20 situated for business operations along the northeast corridor
21 and with close proximity to major cities such as Washington, DC,
22 and New York; and

23 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a booming, diverse and highly
24 engaged startup ecosystem; and

25 WHEREAS, The cities of Pennsylvania have strong public
26 transit systems utilized by a wide variety of people; and

27 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has major international airports
28 located in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, the Lehigh
29 Valley and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton that connect its population to
30 all corners of the nation and world as well as a turnpike system

1 and convenient highway system to allow free and easy travel; and
2 WHEREAS, Amazon is interested in investing in an area that is
3 ripe for development, but also has existing buildings of at
4 least 500,000 square feet or a green site of approximately 100
5 acres; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a wide selection of parcels, both
7 greenfield and infill, that would meet the criteria established
8 by Amazon; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's cities have a wide array of
10 historical attractions, with some playing a pivotal role in the
11 formation of American democracy, that have received national
12 recognition for their diversity, affordability and quality of
13 life with must-see amenities, including the art scene,
14 restaurants, walkability, bike-friendly streets, outdoor
15 recreation and public green spaces; and

16 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's cities have a longstanding commitment
17 to issues of sustainability and the environment; and

18 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's cities are known for their rich
19 history, vibrancy, affordability, job opportunities, diversity,
20 culture and nightlife; and

21 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's cities would make a perfect
22 destination for Amazon's HQ2; and

23 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has everything that Amazon might need
24 to sustain and expand its growth and success; and

25 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate and the House of
26 Representatives, working alongside the administration of
27 Governor Tom Wolf, have shown their support and leadership in
28 encouraging business growth across this Commonwealth and would
29 work to support any large corporation, like Amazon, to locate
30 within Pennsylvania; and

1 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania stands ready to support and display all
2 that this Commonwealth has to offer to Amazon and looks forward
3 to the possibilities that a long and prosperous relationship
4 between Pennsylvania and Amazon can offer; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge Amazon to choose one of
7 Pennsylvania's cities as the future home of HQ2 and stand ready
8 to work with Amazon to ensure success for both their business
9 and the people of Pennsylvania; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Jeff
11 Bezos, Founder, Chairman, President and CEO of Amazon as a
12 sincere representation of the sentiments of the House of
13 Representatives.