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A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a booming, diverse and highly engaged startup ecosystem; and **WHEREAS**, The major cities of Pennsylvania have strong public transit systems utilized by a wide variety of people; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has major international airports located in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, the Lehigh Valley and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton that connect its population to all corners of the nation and world as well as a turnpike system and convenient highway system to allow free and easy travel; and

WHEREAS, Amazon is interested in investing in an area that is ripe for development, but also has existing buildings of at least 500,000 square feet or a green site of approximately 100 acres; and **WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania has a wide selection of parcels, both greenfield and infill, that would meet the criteria established by Amazon; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's major cities have a wide array of historical attractions, with some playing a pivotal role in the formation of American democracy, that have received national recognition for their diversity, affordability and quality of life with must-see amenities, including the art scene, restaurants, walkability, bike-friendly streets, outdoor recreation and public green spaces; and **WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania's cities have a longstanding commitment to issues of sustainability and the environment; and

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge Amazon to choose one of Pennsylvania's major cities as the future home of HQ2 and stand ready to work with Amazon to ensure success for both their business and the people of Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Jeff Bezos, Founder, Chairman, President and CEO of Amazon as a sincere representation of the sentiments of the Senate.