

## RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE CONTRIBUTION AND POTENTIAL OF NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT

**WHEREAS**, our West Virginia oil and natural gas industry provides many good paying jobs in our State and in Kanawha County; and, in addition, the oil and natural gas industry pays severance tax, property tax and other taxes, which help support our schools and provide services for the residents of our County,

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that drilling the important Marcellus shale deposits in our State provides new investment and rents and royalties, and generates income for our businesses and natural gas for our homes and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic oil and natural gas provide only part of the energy needs of the United States; we also depend on foreign oil, and therefore, we vitally need to encourage local natural gas development to help our country become more energy independent and thus provide for greater economic and national security; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to methane to fire our furnaces and appliances, propane to heat our homes and light our grills; and butane and other important sources of energy we enjoy from natural gas, our West Virginia oil and gas industry produces ethane -- a building block for the petro-chemical industry; and new ethane, resulting from the development of the Marcellus shale formation, presents the possibility of construction of an ethane cracker plant in West Virginia and revitalization of our chemical industry.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in recognition and appreciation of the many benefits our natural gas industry provides for our County and State, the Kanawha County Commission hereby adopts this resolution and supports the development of the rich Marcellus shale by the natural gas industry in West Virginia, encourages the construction of an ethane cracker plant in Kanawha County, and welcomes natural gas operating companies, service providers, and their employees to our County.

Presented by the  
**KANAWHA COUNTY COMMISSION**  
Dated this 15th day of December, 2011

  
W. Kent Carper, President

  
Henry C. Shores, Commissioner

  
Dave Hardy, Commissioner

