HALFMOON TOWNSHIP
CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION 2026-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HALFMOON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF AN OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION CONSERVATION LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP AND DANIEL S. DIGMAN AND CLAIRE T. DIGMAN CONCERNING CENTRE COUNTY TAX PARCEL NUMBER 17-004-026.

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has authorized the preservation, acquisition or holding of land for open space uses by its local governmental units under the Open Space Lands Act, "Act 153," 32 P.S. §§ 5001 - 5011, and recognizes the benefits to the citizens of the Commonwealth of preserving or restricting the use of selected open space lands for uses, including but not limited to, agricultural, environmental, forest, scenic, recreational and historic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has enacted the Conservation and Preservation Easements Act, 32 P.S. §§ 5051-5059, and recognizes the importance and significant public and economic benefit of conservation and preservation easements in its ongoing efforts to protect, conserve or manage the use of the natural, historic, agricultural, open space and scenic resources of this Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2008, the Township entered into a Conservation Lease Agreement with Richard A. and Darlene M. Graham (the "Previous Landowners"), under which the Previous Landowners agreed to lease to Township certain land owned by Previous Landowners located at 2605 Halfmoon Valley Road, Port Matilda Pennsylvania 16870, which property is identified as Centre County Tax Parcel No. 17-004-026 (the "Leased Premises"); and

**WHEREAS**, on or about August 7, 2020, Daniel S. & Claire T. Digman (Landowners) purchased the property from Previous Landowners. Landowners and Township entered into an Amendment of Conservation Lease Agreement on September 1, 2020.

**WHEREAS**, section 4.04(b)(2) of the Conservation Lease permits the Landowner to negotiate a permanent conservation or preservation easement with any conservation group approved by the Township during the term of the Lease; and

**WHEREAS**, Landowner intends to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the Centre County Agricultural Land Preservation Board ("CCALPB") for the grant of a permanent conservation easement in the Leased Premises (the "CCALPB Agreement"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Landowner and Township desire to terminate the Conservation

Lease to allow for the conversion of the Township's open space interest to be converted to a permanent preservation easement.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

**RESOLVED** that the Township approves and authorizes the execution of a Lease Termination Agreement to terminate the Conservation Lease, in substantially the form attached to this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township approves CCALPB as an appropriate entity to enter into a permanent preservation easement for the Leased Premises.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township shall record the Termination Agreement in the Centre County Recorder of Deeds Office immediately upon execution thereof, and the Landowner shall bear the costs of recordation.

By and for the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Halfmoon, Centre County, Pennsylvania this 13 day of August, 2026:

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned duly qualified and Chair of the Halfmoon Township Board of Supervisors, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on the 13 day of August, 2026.

**RESOLVED** and adopted this 13 day of August, 2026.

Attest:

Township Secretary

By and For the Board of Supervisors:

Patricia C. Hartle