

Grant Township
Ordinance No. _____-2016

**ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM PROSECUTION FOR NONVIOLENT DIRECT ACTION
CARRIED OUT TO ENFORCE THE GRANT TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER'S RIGHTS AND
PROHIBITIONS; LEGALIZING NONVIOLENT CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE TO ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED BY
ILLEGITIMATE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS AND COURT RULINGS THAT VIOLATE THE RIGHTS AND
PROHIBITIONS OF THE GRANT TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER**

Section 1. Authority. The Grant Township Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the people of Grant Township, adopt this Ordinance pursuant to the inherent authority of the people of Grant of local, community self-government, section 109 of the Grant Township home rule charter, and the authority of the people of Grant as recognized by the Pennsylvania Constitution's Declaration of Rights, the United States Constitution, and the principles codified by the Declaration of Independence.

Section 2. Right to Directly Enforce People's Rights. If a court fails to uphold the Grant Township home rule charter's limitations on corporate power, or otherwise fails to uphold the rights secured by Article One of the charter, the rights and prohibitions secured by the charter shall not be affected by that judicial failure, and any natural person may then enforce the rights and prohibitions of the charter through direct action. If enforcement through nonviolent direct action is commenced, this law shall prohibit any private or public actor from bringing criminal charges or filing any civil or other criminal action against those participating in nonviolent direct action. If filed in violation of this provision, the applicable court must dismiss the action promptly, without further filings being required of nonviolent direct action participants. "Nonviolent direct action" as used by this provision shall mean any nonviolent activities or actions carried out to directly enforce the rights and prohibitions contained within the Grant Township home rule charter.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this ____ day of _____, 2016, by the Grant Township Board of Township Supervisors.

By:

Attest: _____