

## **RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE DECLARATION OF A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE AN EQUITABLE SAFE CLIMATE**

**WHEREAS**, in April 2016 world leaders recognized the urgent need to combat climate change it by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to keep global warming “well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels” and to “pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C;”

**WHEREAS**, the death and destruction already wrought by current average global warming of 1°C demonstrate that the Earth is already too hot for safety and justice, as attested by increased and intensifying wildfires, floods, rising seas, diseases, droughts, and extreme weather;

**WHEREAS**, according to the United Nations’ Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty, 1.5°C of global warming could expose 500 million people to water poverty, 36 million people to food insecurity because of lower crop yields, and 4.5 billion people to heat waves;

**WHEREAS**, in October 2018, the United Nations released a special report which projected that limiting warming to even the dangerous 1.5°C target this century will require an unprecedented transformation of every sector of the global economy by 2030;

**WHEREAS**, climate change and the global industrialized economy’s overshoot of ecological limits are driving the Sixth Mass Extinction of species, could devastate much of life on Earth for many millennia, and may pose as great a risk to humanity as climate change, according to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services;

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America has disproportionately contributed to the climate and ecological emergencies and thus bears an extraordinary responsibility to rapidly solve these crises;

**WHEREAS**, restoring a safe and stable climate requires a climate emergency mobilization, an emergency mobilization on a scale not seen since World War II in order to reach zero greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors of the economy; to rapidly and safely drawdown and remove all the excess carbon from the atmosphere at emergency speed and until safe, pre-industrial climate conditions are restored; and to implement measures to protect all people and species from the consequences of abrupt climate breakdown;

**WHEREAS**, [CITY/COUNTY] can act as a global leader through initiating an emergency climate emergency mobilization to convert to an ecologically, socially, and economically regenerative local economy at emergency speed, as well as advocating for regional, national, and international efforts necessary to reverse global warming and the ecological crisis;

**WHEREAS**, building a climate-resilient and inclusive community will have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of residents, and will offer protections from the adverse potential consequences of climate change to [CITY/COUNTY]’s ecosystems and economies;

**WHEREAS**, such necessary measures to restore a safe climate include:

- a) A rapid, just, managed phase-out of fossil fuels;
- b) Ending greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible to establish a zero-emissions economy;
- c) A widespread effort to safely drawdown excess carbon from the atmosphere;
- d) A full transition to a regenerative agriculture system; and
- e) An end to the Sixth Mass Extinction through widespread conservation and restoration of ecosystems;

**NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, [CITY/COUNTY] declares that a climate and ecological emergency threatens our city, region, state, nation, civilization, humanity, and the natural world.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, [CITY/COUNTY] commits to a citywide mobilization effort to reverse global warming and the ecological crisis, which, with appropriate financial and regulatory assistance from State and Federal authorities, ends citywide greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible and immediately initiates an effort to safely draw down carbon from the atmosphere, ensuring a just transition for residents and accelerating adaptation and resilience strategies in preparation for intensifying local climate impacts;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, [CITY/COUNTY] commits to prioritizing the equitable and active engagement of frontline communities who have traditionally borne the brunt of environmental degradation including communities of color, monolingual communities, children, the elderly, the physically disabled, low-wage workers, immigrants, indigenous communities, and low-income communities in planning, policy, program development, and delivery so that environmental policies benefit all communities in the City.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, [CITY/COUNTY] will create an Environmental Justice Leadership Workgroup that will engage and collaborate with community members and those most burdened by environmental impacts to participate in community discussions, meetings and will be charged with developing a system of outreach to the frontline communities about opportunities and resources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the [CITY/COUNTY] hereby includes in its 2019 and 2020 Federal Legislative Program, support for H.Con.Res.52 and S.Con.Res.22, “Expressing the sense of Congress that there is a climate emergency which demands a massive-scale mobilization to halt, reverse, and address its consequences and causes,” as well as any legislation that would initiate a national emergency-speed mobilization to reverse global warming and the ecological crisis, as described in the text of this Resolution;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, [CITY/COUNTY] calls on the State of \_\_\_\_\_, the United States Congress, the President of the United States, and all governments and people worldwide to declare a climate emergency, initiate a climate emergency mobilization to reverse global warming and the ecological crisis, and provide maximum protection for all people and species of the world; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in furtherance of this resolution, the [CITY/COUNTY] shall submit a certified copy of this resolution to [FEDERAL, STATE, REGIONAL, COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS, RELEVANT AGENCIES] and request that all relevant support and assistance in effectuating this resolution be provided.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE [CITY/COUNTY]**

[CITY/COUNTY] Council declares a climate emergency and calls for an immediate emergency mobilization to restore a safe climate.