

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, TO REAFFIRM COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE ACTION AND THE CLIMATE GOALS SET OUT IN THE CITY'S SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN, TO SUPPORT THE PRINCIPLES AND GOALS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, AND TO CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT ACTIONS TO MEET ESTABLISHED CLIMATE MITIGATION GOALS.

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood, Florida desires to protect and enhance quality of life for all those who live, work, learn and play in our community, as well as for their children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, there is scientific consensus regarding the reality of climate change and the recognition that human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels, is an important driver of climate change; and

WHEREAS, climate change has been widely recognized by government, business and academic leaders as a worldwide threat with the potential to harm the economy, safety, public health, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, many local, regional, and global economies are prioritizing efficiency and transitioning to low-carbon energy sources; and

WHEREAS, actions that reduce climate pollution also have potential to improve air quality, public health, energy security, social equity, the local natural environment, and quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, taking steps to increase energy efficiency and resilience can attract jobs and economic development opportunities to the community and increase the community's long-term economic competitiveness and wealth; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood has demonstrated a legacy of leadership against the threat of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood remains committed to the climate goals adopted in the Sustainability Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, several drivers of climate pollution, such as the production and use of energy in buildings and transportation, can be influenced by local governments and the collective action of communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood adopted a “Sustainability Action Plan,” which includes a climate action plan, outlining steps the City has committed to taking, in partnership with others, to achieve its climate action goals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood has already taken a variety of important actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance quality of life in the community, including installing solar panels on City Hall and other municipal buildings, encouraging electric vehicle adoption by providing public charging stations and requiring new developments to include charging infrastructure, adopting green building practices for all municipal buildings and new developments, using alternative fuel vehicles in the City fleet, instituting a trolley and shuttle system, increasing City tree canopy, and encouraging mixed use and transit oriented development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood is in the process of implementing actions laid out in the Sustainable Hollywood Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood is joined in taking action on climate change by a global coalition of cities, state and national governments and community and private sector leaders who recognize the importance and potential of these actions to protect and enhance the well-being of current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, more than eighty-six (86) mayors representing more than 40 million Americans have recently re-affirmed their cities’ commitment to climate action; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood actively collaborates with other local governments throughout the region, state, nation, and the world to learn from each other and identify win-win opportunities to take action on climate change while creating measurable benefits in their communities; and

WHEREAS, 195 countries, including the United States, vowed to address climate change in agreements reached in Paris in December 2015 (the “Paris Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump’s announcement seeking to withdraw the United States of America from the Paris Agreement undermines this critical global effort to confront one of the greatest challenges facing the community and communities all across the one planet they all share; and

WHEREAS, the reality of climate change has not been affected by recent political announcements; and

WHEREAS, the absence of federal leadership only increases the importance of local leadership in avoiding the most dangerous and costly effects of climate change;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

Section 1: That the City of Hollywood re-affirms its commitment to taking action to reduce climate pollution in alignment with the goals laid out in the City's Sustainability Action Plan.

Section 2: That the City of Hollywood continues to support the principles of the Paris Agreement and the participation of the United States of America as a party to the Paris Agreement.

Section 3: That the City of Hollywood will continue to stand with cities and other public and private sector partners throughout the world to advance action in accordance with the goals outlined in the Paris Agreement.

Section 4: That the City of Hollywood will take new steps to implement the actions called for in the City's Sustainability Action Plan, reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions related to City operations, and support the community in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Section 5: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
for the use and reliance of the
City of Hollywood, Florida, only

ALAN FALLIK, ACTING CITY ATTORNEY