

RESOLUTION NO. 4019-2017

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS CLIMATE ACCORD

WHEREAS, the Paris Climate Accord, known as the "Paris Agreement" by the United Nations, is a historic international agreement reached in 2015 aimed at reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, slowing rising global temperatures and helping countries deal with the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2017, President Donald Trump announced the United States will withdraw from the Paris Agreement, the 2015 landmark international accord at combating climate change; and

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of global warming include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (e.g. droughts and floods), adverse impacts on ecosystems, demographic patterns and economic value chains; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has mandated statewide reduction of the 2030 GHG emissions target by reducing today's petroleum use in cars and trucks by up to 50%; increasing from one-third to 50% our electricity derived from renewable sources; doubling the energy efficiency savings achieved at existing buildings and making heating fuels cleaner; reducing the release of methane, black carbon and other short-lived climate pollutants; managing farm and rangelands, forests and wetlands so they can store carbon; and periodically updating the state's climate adaptation strategy; and

WHEREAS, responding to the climate change provides communities an opportunity to access first mover advantage in the range of products, services and know-how that transitioning to a climate-compatible future brings; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement resulted in a commitment from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future;

WHEREAS, local governments significantly influence the community's GHG emissions through their actions concerning land use, transportation, construction, waste management, energy supply, and energy management; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the City of Fort Bragg drafted a Climate Action Plan, committing to reduce its GHG emissions by 15% for the community and 30% for local government by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 City Council Goal 3.0 is to "Establish Fort Bragg as a Leader in Sustainable Practices"; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2016 the City Council adopted Resolution 3937-2016 establishing the Sonoma Clean Power Community Choice Aggregation Program within the City of Fort Bragg, a program designed to reduce GHG emissions and increase renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2016 the City Council approved the installation of two electric vehicle charging stations in the City of Fort Bragg; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg continues to be committed to integrating sustainability in everyday decision making; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2017, the City Council authorized Mayor Lindy Peters to take the following actions on behalf of the City of Fort Bragg;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg hereby:

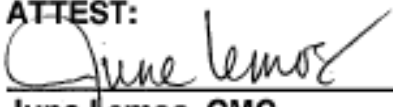
1. Indicates its commitment to reducing GHG emissions through an implementation of a Climate Action Plan; and
2. Joins other US cities in the Climate Mayors network in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement; and
3. Commits to exploring the potential benefits and costs of adopting policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of GHG emissions reduction while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Lee, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 10th day of July, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cimolino, Lee, Norvell, Turner and Mayor Peters.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
RECUSED: None.



LINDY PETERS
Mayor

ATTEST:


June Lemos, CMC
City Clerk