

RESOLUTION

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

WHEREAS, human greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are increasing global temperatures at an unprecedented rate, and continued GHG emissions will result in further destabilizing local and global climate systems; and,

WHEREAS, detrimental changes to the climate systems upon which all living creatures depend and upon which human societies depend will cause catastrophic impacts for the people of South Burlington, Vermont; the United States; and countries around the globe; and,

WHEREAS, the United States has withdrawn from the United Nations Climate Change Conference's Paris Agreement, an international agreement to begin to deal with our collective GHG emissions; and a variety of states, municipalities, organizations, and businesses are stepping in to show the world that people in the United States ARE committed to tackling the looming climate crisis.

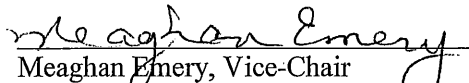
NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council hereby :

1. Joins the State of Vermont and other communities and businesses in the Vermont Climate Pledge Coalition, and in so doing, pledges to meet or exceed the obligations for the United States in the Paris Agreement; and,
2. Directs the City Manager to work with the appropriate committees and the public to undertake the creation of a South Burlington Climate Action Plan that a) includes specific goals b) identifies sectors of South Burlington (municipal, institutional, commercial, residential) that contribute to GHG emissions, and c) develops strategies that could effectively address these emissions.

APPROVED this 7th day of August, 2017.

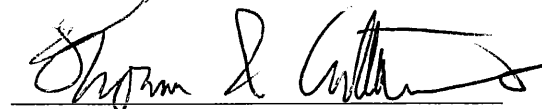
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