



RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 98

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bloomington is the official governing body of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bloomington established a Sustainability Commission in 2016 to advance policies, practices, procedures, and proposals that relate to the sustainable use and management resources that include air, water, energy, land and ecological resources, and waste; and

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) 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) and adverse impacts on ecosystems, public health, property, infrastructure, populations displacement and economic value chains; 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; and

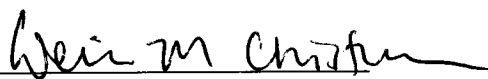
WHEREAS, in signing the Paris Agreement, the United States committed that by 2025 it would reduce its carbon emissions by 26% - 28% below its 2005 levels; and


WHEREAS the Bloomington Sustainability Commission voted on August 15, 2017, to recommend the City Council adopt this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA that:

1. The City of Bloomington supports the Paris Agreement; and
2. The City of Bloomington intends to demonstrate its commitment to reducing GHG emissions through an implementation of a Climate Action Plan to be developed before 2020; and
3. The City of Bloomington joins other U.S. cities in the Climate Mayors network (also known as Mayors National Climate Action Agenda) in adopting and working towards achieving, at a minimum, the goals of the Paris Agreement; and
4. The City of Bloomington 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.

Passed and adopted this 28th day of August 2017.

Attest: 
Secretary to the Council



Mayor



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The attached resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Bloomington on August 28, 2017.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution, and there were 7 YEAS and 0 NAYS as follows:

COUNCILMEMBERS:	YEA	NAY	OTHER
Gene Winstead	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Jack Baloga	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Tim Busse	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Dwayne Lowman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Jon Oleson	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Kim Vlasisavljevich	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Eldon Spencer	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

ATTEST:

Heidi M. Christensen

Secretary to the Council