

COUNCIL RESOLUTION No. 7-2020**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, ENDORSING THE DECLARATION OF A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE A SAFE CLIMATE.**

WHEREAS, in April 2016 world leaders recognized the urgent need to combat climate change 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;” and

WHEREAS, the damage done by the current average global warming of 1°C demonstrates that the Earth is already too hot for safety and justice, as seen through stronger and more frequent wildfires, floods, rising seas, diseases, droughts, and extreme weather; and

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 deadly heat waves; and

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 a complete transformation of every sector of the global economy by 2030; and

WHEREAS, climate change and the global industrialized economy’s overshoot of ecological limits are driving the Sixth Mass Extinction of species, according to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services; and

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; and

WHEREAS, in July 2019, legislators introduced a concurrent Congressional resolution to declare a national climate emergency in the United States; and

WHEREAS, restoring a safe and stable climate requires 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; and

WHEREAS, the measures to restore a safe climate include a rapid, just, managed phase-out of fossil fuels; ending greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible to establish a zero-emissions economy; a widespread effort to reduce excess carbon in the atmosphere; a full transition to a regenerative agriculture system; reduction in meat and

cheese consumption; and an end to the Sixth Mass Extinction through widespread conservation and restoration of ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the scale of action necessary to achieve these measures will require unprecedented levels of public awareness, engagement, and deliberation to develop and implement effective, just, and equitable policies to address the climate emergency; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukie can act as a global leader through initiating an emergency Climate Mobilization to rapidly move from an ecologically, socially, and economically extractive local economy to one that is regenerative, as well as advocating for the regional, national, and international efforts necessary to reverse global warming and the ecological crisis.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, Oregon, that a climate and ecological emergency which threatens our city, region, state, nation, civilization, humanity and the natural world, is hereby declared; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukie renews its community-wide commitment to addressing our part in the global climate crisis through the fifty-three actions outlined in our Climate Action Plan (CAP) and enacts the acceleration of our climate action goals by five years. By 2030, Milwaukie will have no net carbon emissions from its electricity use; by 2035, Milwaukie's buildings will have no net carbon emissions, and by 2045, Milwaukie will be a fully carbon-neutral city; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukie commits to a qualitative update of its Climate Action Plan on a three-year cycle, and to refining those actions as needed to achieve our community's carbon reduction targets through the most appropriate and effective solutions available, with the intent that these actions will result in a just and equitable transition for vulnerable and historically marginalized people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukie City Council directs staff to include climate impact statements in all relevant Council staff reports and motions, much as it currently includes fiscal impact statements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukie City Council commits to educating our residents about the personal and community-wide actions needed to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible in order to achieve our accelerated climate action goals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Milwaukie City Council hereby declares its 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"; and

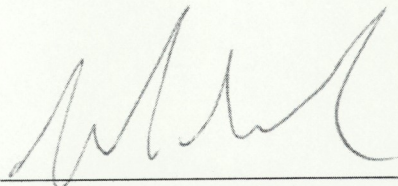
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Milwaukie calls on the State of Oregon to declare a climate emergency; revise its statewide Renewable Portfolio Standards to achieve 50% renewable energy by 2030 and 100% clean and renewable energy by 2050; and to adopt meaningful climate legislation in the 2020 short legislative session. Milwaukie also calls on Clackamas County, Metro, the United States Congress, the President of the United

States, and all governments and people worldwide to declare a climate emergency, initiate a Climate Mobilization to reverse global warming and the ecological crisis, and provide maximum protection for all people and species of the world, particularly those most vulnerable to the effects of the crisis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in furtherance of this resolution, the City of Milwaukie shall submit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States; Governor Kate Brown; Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden; Representative Kurt Schrader; the Metro Council and the Board of Clackamas County Commissioners and request that all relevant support and assistance in effectuating this resolution be provided.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on **January 21, 2020**.


This resolution is effective immediately.



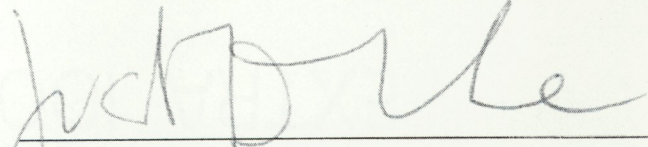
Mark F. Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder



Justin D. Gericke, City Attorney

Footnotes:

The Paris Agreement: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-paris-agreement>

The UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty Report on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights: 7/19/19
<https://undocs.org/A/HRC/41/39>

The UN Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C: <https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/>

Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Global Assessment Report: <https://ipbes.net/news/Media-Release-Global-Assessment>

Why the US Bears the Most Responsibility for Climate Change, in One Chart:
<https://www.vox.com/energy-and-environment/2019/4/24/18512804/climate-change-united-states-china-emissions>

H.Con.Res.52 - 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:
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-concurrent-resolution/52?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22climate+emergency%22%5D%7D&s=1&r=1>