

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-20

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of Bainbridge Island, Washington, affirming the City of Bainbridge Island's commitment to meet or exceed goals established in the Paris Climate Agreement.

WHEREAS, the City of Bainbridge Island wishes to join forces with other cities, states, mayors, governors, college and university leaders, businesses and investors for the first time to declare that the City of Bainbridge Island will continue to support climate action to meet the Paris Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in December 2015 in Paris, world leaders signed a global commitment to fight climate change. The landmark agreement succeeded where past attempts failed because it allowed each country to set its own emission reduction targets and adopt its own strategies for reaching them. In addition, nations- inspired by the actions of local and regional governments, along with businesses - came to recognize that fighting climate change brings significant economic and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Trump Administration has announced that it will withdraw the United States from the commitments of that agreement. This action by the Trump Administration announcement undermines a key pillar in the fight against climate change and damages the world's ability to avoid the most dangerous and costly effects of climate change. Importantly, it is also out of step with what is happening in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, it is local and state governments, along with businesses, that are primarily responsible for the dramatic decrease in greenhouse gas emissions in recent years. Actions by each group will multiply and accelerate in the years ahead, no matter what policies Washington may adopt; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of leadership from Washington, states, cities, colleges and universities, businesses and investors, representing a sizeable percentage of the U.S. economy will pursue ambitious climate goals, working together to take forceful action and to ensure that the U.S. remains a global leader in reducing emissions. It is imperative that the world know that in the United States, the actors that will provide the leadership necessary to meet our Paris commitment are found in city halls, state capitals, colleges and universities, investors and businesses; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

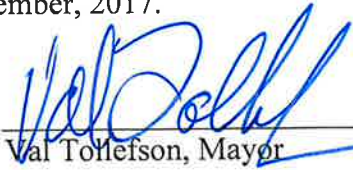
Section 1. The City of Bainbridge Island will continue to support climate action to meet the Paris Climate Agreement.

Section 2. The City of Bainbridge Island will remain actively engaged with the international community as part of the global effort to hold warming well below 2°C and


to accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy that will benefit our security, prosperity, and health.

PASSED by the City Council this 12th day of September, 2017.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 12th day of September, 2017.

By: 
Val Tollefson, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:

By: 
Christine Brown, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:	August 31, 2017
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:	September 12, 2017
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