

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON**

**In the Matter of Reaffirming
Clackamas County's Commitment to
Combat Climate Change**



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WHEREAS, in 2008, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners approved a *Resolution for a Sustainable Clackamas County* to meet or exceed global targets for mitigating climate change, reducing emissions in county operations, and promoting sustainable practices and alternative transportation options; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners adopted an *Action Plan for a Sustainable Clackamas County* in 2008 with seven goals, including to become carbon neutral, support energy efficiency, support green standards for development and infrastructure, and protect and restore lands, water and air that support natural systems; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners adopted a strategic plan, *Performance Clackamas*, which sets the goal to: *Honor, Utilize, Promote and Invest in our Natural Resources*; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners passed a *Resolution Adopting a County Energy Policy and Goals*, which included reducing 2016 energy usage by five percent by 2020; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County has taken numerous steps to conserve energy and reduce its own carbon footprint.

WHEREAS, Clackamas County has a nationally-recognized sustainability certification program that supports local businesses, initiates grants for healthy local watersheds, and provides energy conservation and weatherization services for lower-income county residents; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County recognizes the projected negative impacts of climate change on public health safety, and well-being, as well as the impacts of climate change to our natural resources and our agricultural economy; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County is an active supporter of the federally-funded Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program to improve air quality and mitigate congestion, and has used those funds to plan and implement Intelligent Transportation System Freight Plan projects; and

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WHEREAS, Clackamas County, with its mix of urban, rural and wild areas, is well-positioned to reap economic benefits from climate-friendly practices like clean energy production, biofuels, alternatives to diesel, cross-laminated timber construction and the carbon-storage benefits of good agricultural practices; and

WHEREAS, Clackamas County is committed to promoting economic vitality and protecting the health and well-being of all our residents, and understands that action to combat and adapt to climate change is necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners does hereby resolve to:

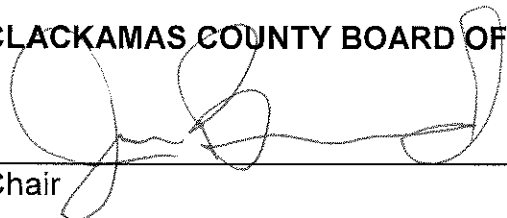
Reaffirm the goals and actions in the previously-approved Resolution for a Sustainable Clackamas County, Action Plan for a Sustainable Clackamas County, and Resolution Adopting a County Energy Policy and Goals,

Renew its commitment to policies and practices, both within county government and throughout the community, that respond to the need to combat and adapt to climate change, for the sake of the future of our residents and our economy.

Support efforts to encourage the use of new lower-emission technologies in public buses such as those operated by transit agencies and school districts.

Dated this 6th day of July, 2017

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Chair



Recording Secretary