

RESOLUTION NO. 18

SERIES 2017

A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE'S COMMITMENT TO  
TAKING ACTION TO REDUCE CLIMATE IMPACTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Breckenridge desires to protect and enhance quality of life for all those who live, work, learn and play in our community, as well as for our children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, there is scientific consensus regarding the reality of climate change and the recognition that human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases, is an important driver of climate change; and

WHEREAS, climate change has been widely recognized by government, business and academic leaders as a worldwide threat with the potential to harm our economy, safety, public health, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, many local, regional, and global economies are prioritizing energy efficiency and transitioning to low-carbon energy sources; and

WHEREAS, actions that reduce climate pollution also have potential to improve air quality, public health, energy security, social equity, our local natural environment, and quality of life for our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Breckenridge has demonstrated a legacy of leadership against the threat of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Breckenridge remains committed to its adopted goals to reduce energy consumption as outlined in the SustainableBreck Plan and the Breckenridge Carbon Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, several drivers of climate pollution such as the production and use of energy in buildings and transportation can be influenced by local governments and the collective action of communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Breckenridge adopted the Breckenridge Carbon Action Plan in 2009 and the SustainableBreck Plan in 2011 outlining steps the Town has committed to taking in partnership with others to achieve our climate action goals; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Breckenridge has already taken a variety of important actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance quality of life in our community, including installing some 1,500 kw of solar gardens and solar arrays on Town property, undertaking numerous energy efficiency upgrades in Town buildings, implementing several programs designed to increase energy efficiency in Town residences and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Breckenridge is in the process of developing a plan and setting goals to achieve 100% renewable energy sources in the Town; and

WHEREAS, we are joined in taking action on climate change by a global coalition of cities, state and national governments and community and private sector leaders who recognize the importance and potential of these actions to protect and enhance the well-being of current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, more than two hundred forty-six (246) mayors representing more than 56 million Americans have recently re-affirmed their cities' commitments to climate action; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Breckenridge actively collaborates with other local governments throughout our region, state, nation, and the world to learn from each other and identify win-win opportunities to take action on climate change while creating measurable benefits in our communities; and

WHEREAS, 195 countries, including the United States, vowed to address climate change in agreements reached in Paris in December 2015 (the "Paris Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump's announcement seeking to withdraw the United States of America from the Paris Agreement undermines this critical global effort to confront one of the

greatest challenges facing our community and communities all across the one planet we all share; and

WHEREAS, the reality of climate change has not been affected by recent political announcements; and

WHEREAS, the absence of federal leadership only increases the importance of local leadership in avoiding the most dangerous and costly effects of climate change; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO, as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Breckenridge re-affirms its commitment to taking action to reduce its impacts on climate with its adopted carbon action goals. The Town of Breckenridge continues to support the principles of the Paris Agreement and the participation of the United States of America as a party to the Paris Agreement. The Town of Breckenridge will continue to stand with cities and other public and private sector partners throughout the world to advance action in accordance with the goals outlined in the Paris Agreement. The Town of Breckenridge will take new steps to further our efforts and commitments to reducing its carbon footprint and moving towards cleaner and renewable sources of energy.

Section 2. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

RESOLUTION APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of June, 2017.

TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE

By: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Eric S. Mamula, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Helen Cospolich, CMC,  
Town Clerk

APPROVED IN FORM

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Town Attorney                      Date