

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Series 2019

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SUMMIT COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE

WHEREAS, the Town of Breckenridge recognizes the importance of promoting the public health and safety of residents and visitors, including their access to clean air, clean water, and a livable environment; and

WHEREAS, there is scientific consensus worldwide that climate change is happening and that human activity, primarily the combustion of fossil fuels, is responsible for the current global warming trend, causing increased frequency of extreme weather events, drought, heat waves, shifts in agricultural productivity, and negative human health impacts; and

WHEREAS, average temperatures in Colorado have already increased two degrees Fahrenheit in the past 30 years, shortening the winter season by two weeks, with future impacts predicted regarding decreased water availability, increased incidence of wildfire, increased range for bark beetles, less suitable habitat for wildlife, and negative human health impacts from increased heat and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, acting on climate change results in co-benefits such as reduced dependence on foreign fuels, reduced traffic congestion, healthier environments, and stable economies; and

WHEREAS, the community's economy is based on its popularity as a tourism destination and the Town of Breckenridge has an opportunity to participate in local and state-level initiatives, demonstrating leadership by example; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Breckenridge has already taken action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including adoption of 100 percent renewable energy goals, increased access to public transit and alternative modalities, adopted sustainable building and energy codes, implemented the SustainableBreck Plan, and has increased town facility energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Summit Climate Action Collaborative, representing local governments, ski areas, educational institutions, and citizens at large, worked over the course of six months to draft the Summit Community Climate Action Plan to address the challenges posed by Climate Change; and

WHEREAS, public input has been sought after and received at a community open house, and that public input has helped shape the strategies identified in the Summit Community Climate Action Plan.

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

Section 1. The Town Council hereby adopts the Summit Community Climate Action Plan prepared by the Summit Climate Action Collaborative and dated March 2019, a copy of which is attached to this resolution as **Exhibit "A"**.

Section 2. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

RESOLUTION APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2019.

TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE

By: _____/s/_____

Eric S. Mamula, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____

Helen Cospolich, CMC, Town Clerk

APPROVED IN FORM

_____/s/_____

Town Attorney

Date