

A RESOLUTION **2017-06-22-0031R**

OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO IN SUPPORT OF  
THE PARIS AGREEMENT

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**WHEREAS**, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

**WHEREAS**, documented impacts of global warming include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events, adverse impacts on ecosystems, demographic patterns, and impact on public health and vulnerable populations; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change poses specific risks to San Antonio, including more frequent and severe extreme weather events, like flooding, heat waves, and droughts, which threaten community health and safety and create economic burdens for residents; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change has been identified as a priority for the United States Military, as outlined in DoD Directive 4715.21- "Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience", effective January 14, 2016, that identifies the national security risks associated with climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic impact of climate change is occurring as illustrated by the Carbon Disclosure Project, a not-for-profit charity that runs the global disclosure system for investors, companies, cities, states and regions to manage their environmental impacts, which states that 329 investors with \$25 trillion in assets have asked companies they invest in to help tackle climate change and local climate action will help improve air quality, quality of life, public health, reduce risk, and build a local green economy, all of which have positive economic benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Antonio has taken significant steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance the quality of life in the community, including the development of the SA Tomorrow Plans, a continued commitment to renewable energy and energy-efficiency, and continued deployment of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Antonio SA Tomorrow Sustainability Plan calls for the need to develop a Climate Action Plan and to build community resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, 195 countries vowed to address climate change in agreements reached in Paris in December 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Paris Agreement resulted in a commitment from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than two degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future; **NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The City of San Antonio indicates its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and joins other U.S. cities in the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda network in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement adopted on December 12, 2015, in the addendum to the report of the Conference of the Parties on its twenty-first session.

**SECTION 2.** The City of San Antonio commits to exploring the potential benefits and costs of adopting policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of greenhouse gas emissions reduction while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action.

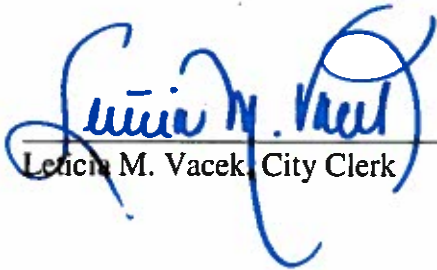
**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes, or, in the event eight affirmative votes are not received, ten days after approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2017.**




**M A Y O R**  
**Ron Nirenberg**

**ATTEST:**



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Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



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Andrew Segovia, City Attorney