

RESOLUTION NO. 16
SERIES 2017

INTRODUCED BY: RANDY WEIL
SECONDED BY: AL BLUM

**A RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE, COLORADO,
SUPPORTING A STRONGER CLIMATE POLICY
THROUGH AN EFFORT TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

WHEREAS, the International Panel on Climate Change ("IPCC") has found that climate change is occurring and human activities have been a dominant cause of observed climate change; and

WHEREAS, the IPCC is concerned that widespread and substantial climate change impacts are already evident in natural and human systems for all continents and oceans; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change ("UNFCCC") stresses that all countries should accelerate the transition to net zero greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions and climate resilience, as agreed in the Paris Climate Agreement, to avoid the worst impacts of global warming; and

WHEREAS, the UNFCCC urges developed countries to drastically reduce their GHG emissions beyond current pledges in order to avoid, as much as possible, the large-scale negative consequences; and

WHEREAS, data from both the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration indicate sixteen (16) of the warmest years on record have occurred since 2001, that 2016 was the warmest year since direct record-keeping began in 1880, and that the Earth's average temperature has increased 1.1° Celsius since that time; and

WHEREAS, data from the Colorado Climate Change Vulnerability Study completed in 2015 for the Colorado Energy Office shows challenges that the State of Colorado and its residents are starting to and will face due to climate change, including, among other things, an increase in infectious diseases, the increased expense for installing air conditioning in public schools where it was not previously necessary, difficulties for Coloradans raising cattle and crops, and vulnerability of junior water rights holders to low water levels and few options for recourse; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Climate Agreement lays a framework for countries to reduce GHG emissions that provides economic and health benefits in communities across the world; and

WHEREAS, during an annual meeting in June 2016, the mayors who are members of the bipartisan U.S. Conference of Mayors have affirmed their support for the Paris Climate Accord and the economic and health benefits of stronger climate policy on communities and passed a policy resolution supporting the agreement along with other local, national and international efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Cherry Hills Village desires to support a stronger climate policy for the benefit of the health, safety, and well-being of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cherry Hills Village, Colorado that:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are adopted and incorporated herein as findings of the City Council.

Section 2. The City Council hereby declares its support for the economic and health benefits of a stronger climate policy on communities and ongoing efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Introduced, passed and adopted at the regular meeting of City Council this 20th day of June, 2017, by a vote of 4 yes 0 no.

(SEAL)



Laura Christian, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laura Smith, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Linda C. Michow, City Attorney