

**COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 4866**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BOZEMAN, MONTANA SUPPORTING THE PURPOSE AND GOALS OF THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT IN COOPERATION WITH THE CLIMATE MAYORS NETWORK.**

**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**, the 2017 Montana Climate Assessment indicates that increased average temperatures, more extreme heat days, reduced snowpack, increased spring precipitation, and extended summer drought are among the observed impacts of climate change in Montana; and

**WHEREAS**, Montana has experienced impacts from climate change, including reduced early spring run-off and summer droughts that increase the risk of extreme wildfire, which have numerous negative effects on public health and the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2017, scientists from 13 federal agencies released the fourth National Climate Assessment, which concludes that it is extremely likely that human influence, through the burning of fossil fuels, has been the dominant cause of the observed warming since the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bozeman has previously demonstrated its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by adopting the 2008 Municipal Climate Action Plan and the

2011 Community Climate Action Plan, which established a goal of reducing emissions to 10 percent below 2008 levels by 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bozeman has taken significant steps in recent years toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions from City operations, including transitioning to hybrid electric fleet vehicles, retrofitting lighting in municipal facilities, traffic signals, and street lights to increase energy efficiency, receiving a LEED Silver rating for City Hall and the Library, and partnering with the utility on the Bozeman Solar Project at the Water Reclamation Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bozeman has helped incentivize energy efficiency for homes and businesses through the Bozeman Energy Smackdown, the Bozeman Energy Project, and the Water Conservation rebate program; and

**WHEREAS**, leading on climate change provides communities an opportunity to access early adopter advantages in the range of grants, partnerships, products, services and know-how to help us meet our goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Paris Climate Agreement resulted in a commitment from nearly every nation on the planet to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees Celsius in the future; and

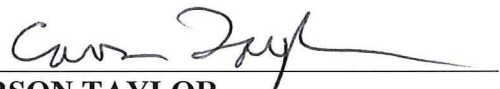
**WHEREAS**, the Climate Mayors network, includes 380 cities in the United States, representing 68 million Americans, who are committed to uphold the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bozeman City Commission recognizes that leadership on climate change must come at the local level;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the City of Bozeman, Montana that it shall:

1. Indicate its ongoing commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through development and implementation of its Climate Action Plan; and
2. Join other US cities in the Climate Mayors network in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement; and
3. Commit 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.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED** by the City Commission of the City of Bozeman, Montana, at a regular session thereof held on the 27th day of November, 2017.

  
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**CARSON TAYLOR**  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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**ROBIN CROUGH**  
City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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**GREG SULLIVAN**  
City Attorney