

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN TO ACHIEVE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Morgantown has taken numerous steps to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases including adoption of several energy efficiency measures, installation of solar panels on the Morgantown Market Place, and completion of a greenhouse gas inventory; and

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

WHEREAS, documented impacts of climate change include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (e.g. droughts, wildfires, and floods), adverse impacts on ecosystems, demographic patterns, and economic value chains; and

WHEREAS, responding to climate change will help maintain Morgantown's reputation as a science-based university community while avoiding significant adverse impacts to human rights and human health; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement resulted in voluntary commitments from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increases 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, a resolution adopted by the City Council on August 2, 2017, pledged the City of Morgantown to meet the goals of the National Mayors Climate Action Agenda to reduce greenhouse gas emissions commensurate with the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and the US contribution of a 28 % reduction by 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Morgantown has already achieved significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from municipal facilities; and

WHEREAS, President Biden has established the further goal of a 50-52 % reduction in greenhouse gas emissions below 2005 levels by 2030; and

WHEREAS, significant federal funding has become available for municipalities through the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act;

Now, therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Morgantown, WV:

- 1) Renews its commitment to meeting the goal of a 28 % reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by municipal facilities by 2025; and
- 2) Pledges to pursue the goal of a 52 % reduction in greenhouse gas emission by 2030 through implementation of a Climate Action Plan; and
- 3) Directs the City Manager to explore potential benefits and costs of adopting cost-effective policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of GHG emissions reduction while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Morgantown encourages other commercial,

residential and public sectors to seek reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Adopted this \_\_ day of December, 2022:

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Mayor

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City Clerk