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**CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-\_\_**

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Mayor Alan M. Webber

**A RESOLUTION**

**SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF GLOBAL CITIZENS TO PRESSURE WORLD LEADERS TO ADDRESS THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE; URGING THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR TO WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE; AND URGING SANTA FE RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO BRING CLIMATE CHANGE TO THE FOREFRONT OF ISSUES REQUIRING ACTION FROM OUR POLITICAL LEADERS.**

**WHEREAS**, Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) released their resolution calling for “Recognizing the duty of the Federal Government to create a Green New Deal” on February 7, 2019 to create an equitable blueprint for addressing climate change that creates jobs and stimulates the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 31, 2006, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2006-54 endorsing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 8, 2014, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2014-85 declaring the Governing Body’s intent for the City of Santa Fe to become carbon neutral by the

1 year 2040; and

2           **WHEREAS**, on April 8, 2015, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2015-30  
3 directing staff to draft a new sustainability plan for the City with the goal of becoming carbon  
4 neutral by the year 2040; and

5           **WHEREAS**, Mayor Alan Webber has declared his goals of making Santa Fe the most  
6 family-friendly, user-friendly, and the most sustainable city in America; and

7           **WHEREAS**, the Governing Body adopted the City’s Sustainable Santa Fe 25-Year Plan  
8 in October, 2018 which includes all of the goals of the proposed federal Green New Deal and  
9 more, with a local lens focusing on the unique challenges and opportunities in the City; and

10           **WHEREAS**, the City now has two full-time professional sustainability staff dedicated to  
11 implementing the 25-Year Plan; and

12           **WHEREAS**, the City is participating in a U.S. Green Building Council pilot program  
13 called LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for cities to demonstrate progress  
14 towards adopted goals and identify strategic actions moving forward; and

15           **WHEREAS**, the City has set the goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2040 in order to  
16 play its part in reducing the effects of climate change in our community; and

17           **WHEREAS**, according to a study in by John Cook in *Environmental Research Letters*<sup>1</sup>,  
18 approximately 97% of climate scientists agree that climate change is happening and that it is  
19 substantially human-caused; and

20           **WHEREAS**, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
21 (NOAA), the top 10 hottest years on record have all occurred in the last 20 years, with the last 5  
22 years occupying the top 5 spots; and

23           **WHEREAS**, ground- and satellite-based records of global surface temperature change  
24 show linear increases from 1979 to 2009; and

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<sup>1</sup> J. Cook, et al, "[Consensus on consensus: a synthesis of consensus estimates on human-caused global warming](#)," *Environmental Research Letters* Vol. 11 No. 4, (13 April 2016)

1           **WHEREAS**, there is a global movement to pressure world governments to act on climate  
2 change on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>; and

3           **WHEREAS**, the United Nations will hold an emergency climate summit in New York  
4 City on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>; and

5           **WHEREAS**, the City actively supports the efforts of citizens around the world to  
6 pressure national, regional, and local governments to aggressively tackle climate change and the  
7 adverse effects it brings to the world as a whole.

8           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
9 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the efforts by global citizens to pressure leaders to address the effects  
10 of climate change are hereby supported.

11           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body urges the public and private  
12 sector to work together in any way possible to address the threat of climate change in our  
13 communities.

14           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body urges residents of Santa Fe to  
15 support bringing climate change to the forefront of issues that require urgent action from our  
16 political leaders.

17           PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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21 ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR

22 ATTEST:

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25 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

1 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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4 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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25 *Legislation/2019/Resolutions/Addressing Climate Change*