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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
MAYORS NATIONAL CLIMATE ACTION
AGENDA**

WHEREAS, there is longstanding international scientific consensus regarding climate change caused by human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases, and the warming of the planet; and

WHEREAS, despite this international scientific consensus, on June 1, 2017, the executive branch of the United States of America announced its intention to withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord; and

WHEREAS, local and statewide government officials, university presidents and business owners and others in the United States of America are determined nevertheless to support the Paris Climate Accord and, though their own actions, reduce emissions of greenhouse gases despite the opposition of the United States President to participation in the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland's municipal government and its City Council have been active supporters of initiatives to reduce emissions that contribute to the warming of the planet, including a Green Building Code requiring improved energy efficiency in new construction in 2009, an Energy Benchmarking ordinance in 2016, and the placement of solar panels on the capped landfill on Ocean Avenue expected to be generating power by the end of 2017; and

WHEREAS, the transition to a low-carbon community reliant on the efficient use of clean energy resources and electrified transportation will improve air quality, enhance public health, increase national and energy security, create local green jobs, and reduce reliance on finite resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Portland City Council, that the City will sign the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda, which as of June 1, 2017 already represented 200 mayors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council shall seek to implement the emissions reductions in greenhouse gases by innovative land use code, building code, support for electric vehicles, solar power generation and whatever other initiatives may meet with its approval for the continued protection of the city's own environment and the world's.
