

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CATHEDRAL CITY CALIFORNIA AFFIRMING THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT ITS 2013 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA UNDER 2° MOU AND EXECUTIVE ORDER B-30-15, AND THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Cathedral City developed a Citywide sustainability and climate action plan in 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of California has signed a memorandum of understanding in 2015 called "Under 2°"; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of California has signed Executive Order B-30-15; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has agreed to support the Paris Climate Agreement along with over 300 cities and states in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cathedral City has been supporting a sustainable environment program for over 10 years to reduce its greenhouse gas emission (GHG); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Cathedral City recognizes the vast majority of scientists in the world, reviewing empirical data, point to the increase in GHG as contributing to the affect of climate change; and

WHEREAS, in December 2015, in Paris, world leaders signed the first global commitment to fight climate change. This landmark agreement succeeded where past attempts failed because it allowed each country to set its own emission reduction targets and adopt its own strategies for reaching them. In addition, nations – inspired by the actions of local and regional governments, along with businesses – came to recognize that addressing climate change brings significant economic and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cathedral City wishes to join forces with other cities, states, mayors, governors, college and university leaders, businesses and investors to declare that the City of Cathedral City will continue to support climate action to meet the Paris Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, it is the local and state governments, along with businesses, that are primarily responsible for the dramatic decrease in GHG emissions in recent years, actions by each group will multiply and accelerate in the years ahead; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cathedral City wishes to recommit to its climate action plan and its desire to support the State of California goals and the Paris Climate Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY,
DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1.** That the City of Cathedral City will continue to support its 2013 Climate Action Plan: Leadership in Energy Efficiency; and
- Section 2.** That the City of Cathedral City will continue to support the State of California MOU Under 2°, and Executive Order B-30-15; and
- Section 3.** That the City of Cathedral City will remain actively engaged with the international community as part of the global effort to hold warming well below 2° C and to accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy that will benefit our security, prosperity, and health; and
- Section 4.** That the City of Cathedral City will support the Paris Climate Agreement.
- Section 5.** A copy of this resolution will be sent to the President of the United States, the Governor of California and the elected representatives of Cathedral City serving in the US Senate, House of Representatives, California State Senate and California State Assembly.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cathedral City held on this 26th day of July, 2017, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Stanley E. Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gary F. Howell, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Eric S. Vail, City Attorney