

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-83

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities, which has led to climate change, is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, global climate change has led to increased occurrences of extreme weather events and to adverse impacts on ecosystems, demographic patterns and socio-economic activities; and

WHEREAS, responding to climate change provides communities an opportunity to be a leader in a green economy; developing products, services and knowledge that are required when transitioning to a climate-resilient future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent desires to protect and enhance the quality of life for all those who live, work, learn and play in our community, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs; and

WHEREAS, actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions also have the potential to improve air and water quality, public health, energy security, social equity, our local economy and natural environment, and the quality of life in Kent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent has demonstrated its commitment to sustainability through a series of initiatives, including signing on to the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement in 2007, the creation of a Sustainability Commission, energy efficiency improvements to existing city buildings, and a commitment to LEED certifications for new construction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent recognizes the important role that local communities will play in taking immediate action to significantly curb greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, protecting our planet is of the utmost importance and requires a comprehensive effort at all levels-including government policies, industry standards, and household practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. The City of Kent commits to consider for adoption a community based climate action plan to be developed by the Sustainability Commission in response to the City's support of the Paris Climate Agreement and in accordance with this resolution.

SECTION 2. The City of Kent, with this Resolution, stands in solidarity with communities across the nation and the world in support of the Paris Climate Agreement.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal

action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest time permitted by law.

PASSED: October 18, 2017 on 3rd reading
as amended on October 4, 2017
Date

J. F. Fiala
Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: October 18, 2017
Date

ATTEST: Tara Grimm
Tara Grimm, CMC
Clerk of Council

I, TARA GRIMM, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF *RESOLUTION* No. _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20_____.

TARA GRIMM, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL
(SEAL)