

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN 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 numerous energy efficiency measures, installation of solar panels on the Market Shelter, 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 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, responding to climate change provides communities an opportunity to be at the forefront of, and benefit from, a range of exciting new technologies, products, services and know-how that transitioning to a climate-compatible future brings; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement resulted in voluntary commitments from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future;

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

1. Joins over 200 US cities in the Climate Mayors network in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement; and
2. Indicates its commitment to reducing GHG emissions through an implementation of a Climate Action Plan; and
3. Commits to exploring the 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Morgantown encourages other commercial, residential and public sectors to seek reductions in greenhouse gas emissions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Morgantown communicate this resolution to the National Mayors Climate Action Agenda.

Adopted this ____ day of June, 2017:

Mayor

City Clerk