

## URBANA CLIMATE INHERITANCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, we are already witnessing the deadly effects of climate change around the world, notably through recent tropical storms, raging wildfires, dangerous heat waves, unprecedented droughts and flooding, and resulting famine,

WHEREAS, the global scientific community warns that immediate action is necessary to prevent the increasingly disastrous repercussions of climate change and the impending humanitarian crisis,

WHEREAS, young people and future generations will be forced to shoulder the burden of an inadequate response to this crisis for the entirety of their lives, threatening their inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,

WHEREAS, Mayor Marlin signed the US Climate Mayors' letter to President Trump following his decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement, stating that:

“Climate change is both the greatest single threat we face, and our greatest economic opportunity for our nation. That is why we affirm our cities' commitments to taking every action possible to achieve the principles and goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, and to engage states, businesses and other sectors to join us.”,

WHEREAS, the recent Future Energy Jobs Act (SB 2814) has made renewable energy in Illinois more economically efficient than ever before and demonstrated the powerful potential of a just transition to a green energy economy in terms of jobs and economic growth,

WHEREAS, other cities across the nation have taken bold, effective action to address this issue, and Urbana has established itself as a leader in sustainability and a community dedicated to fostering a safe, equitable, and prosperous future for all people,

WHEREAS, youth of Urbana have brought this Council a Youth Climate Report Card highlighting the gap between what we are doing today and actions that would be necessary to protect their future;

WHEREAS, youth of Urbana have indicated a willingness to work with this Council on such actions, we, therefore, declare it:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Urbana City Council commits to working constructively, using ingenuity, innovation, and courageous determination to achieve net carbon neutrality community-wide by 2040;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Urbana actively work toward generating 100 percent of the community's electricity from renewable sources by 2025;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a mechanism will be created for the ongoing inclusion of young people in the process of creating and executing climate-related policies and actions.