



Office of the Mayor and Town Council

Peggy R. Bell
Mayor

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Town Council

From: Mayor Peggy R. Bell

Date: June 21, 2017

Re: Supporting the Paris Agreement

REQUEST

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE PARIS AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Town of Cutler Bay (the “Town”) has been recognized as a “Silver” level Florida Green Local Government, and was the first municipality in Miami-Dade County to achieve this prestigious designation in 2009 after implementing the “Cutler Bay Going Green” initiative and recertified in 2016. The Florida Green Local Government program criteria include evaluations of energy and water usage, air quality, health issues, land use, recycling and waste disposal, maintenance policies, educational programs, purchasing practices, regulatory policies, and many others. One goal of the Florida Green Local Government Standard is for the local government to “lead by example” and to encourage the private sector to apply the same principles through the creation of green homes, green commercial buildings, and green land developments. To support the State of Florida’s efforts in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, the Town continues to promote the use of the Circulator Bus, is creating a walkable community by connecting sidewalks throughout the Town, promoting the use of golf carts, and promoting the use of electrical charging stations located at Town Center.

Consensus exists among the world’s leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today. Documented impacts of global warming 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.

The Paris Agreement resulted in a commitment from 195 countries to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than two (2) degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future. The Town believes it is in the best interest of the community and residents to continue to support the Paris Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Town Council adopt the attached Resolution, supporting the Paris Agreement.



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