

RESOLUTION NO. 17-__

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.

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, 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, and the Town is committed to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; and

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world’s leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of GHG from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2007, the State of Florida established statewide GHG emissions reduction targets of eighty percent (80%) below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, to reduce GHG emissions, the State of Florida is targeting facilities and vehicles and performing scheduled maintenance for all vehicles to maximize fuel efficiency, increasing the use of biofuels, increasing the use of telecommunications and video conferencing to reduce travel, consolidating facilities to reduce total square footage, and replacing state-owned or leased space with more energy efficient space; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement resulted in a commitment from almost every nation 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; and

WHEREAS, the Town finds that this Resolution will promote the health, safety and welfare of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Support. The Town supports the Paris Agreement and will execute, to the extent permitted by applicable law, the following:

1. Indicate its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through an implementation of a Climate Action Plan;
2. Join other United States cities in the Climate Mayors network in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement; and
3. Commit exploring the potential benefits and costs of adopting policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of GHG emissions reductions while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action.

Section 3. Transmittal. The Town Council hereby directs the Town Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to United States President Donald Trump, United States Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio, United States Representatives Carlos Curbelo, and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Governor Rick Scott, Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, and all Miami-Dade County Municipal Cities.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of June, 2017.

Attest:

PEGGY R. BELL
Mayor

DEBRA E. EASTMAN, MMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE
SOLE USE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY:

WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN
COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
Town Attorney

Moved By: _____
Seconded By: _____

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Mayor Peggy R. Bell _____

Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle _____

Council Member Mary Ann Mixon _____

Council Member Michael P. Callahan _____

Council Member Roger Coriat _____