

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, COMMITTING TO JOIN OTHER U.S. CITIES AND STATES IN EMBRACING PRINCIPLES LAID OUT IN PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS** the Paris Climate Agreement was ratified in 2016 and brings all nations into a common cause to undertake ambitious efforts to combat climate change and adapt to its effects, with enhanced support to assist developing countries. As such, it charts a new course in the global climate effort; and

**WHEREAS** on June 1, 2017, President Donald Trump indicated the United States would withdraw from the Paris Agreement; and

**WHEREAS** for the Paris Climate Agreement to succeed, cities around the world must take action for they will account for one third of all global carbon emission reductions; and

**WHEREAS** South Bend has already been directly affected by climate change, and withdrawing from the Paris Agreement would hurt our community and our economy; and

**WHEREAS** the city of South Bend has already pursued sustainable practices such as investment in energy efficient buildings, renewable energy, LED lighting, alternative fuels for our vehicle fleet, and keeping yard waste out of landfills; and

**WHEREAS** on June 2, 2017, Mayor Pete Buttigieg signed the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda, committing to his collaborative effort with other U.S. mayors to strengthen local efforts for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and to support efforts for binding federal and global policy; and

**WHEREAS** we join the Mayor in urging our leaders in Washington to outline a path to stable climate change, while committing to make the city of South Bend a leader this issue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA** as follows:

**SECTION I.** We in South Bend will join with other cities and states across the United States to embrace the principles laid out in the Paris Agreement and strengthen local efforts for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

**SECTION II.** That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Common Council.

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Council Attorney

**Attest:**

**Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017**

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Kareemah N. Fowler, City Clerk

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Pete Buttigieg, Mayor of South Bend