

City of Appleton – **Resolution #15-R-17**

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Referred to: Mayor’s Office

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of global warming include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events, adverse impacts on ecosystems, demographic patterns and economic value chains; and

WHEREAS, responding to climate change provides communities an opportunity to access first mover advantage in a range of products, services and know-how that transitioning to a climate compatible future brings; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement resulted in a commitment from all but 3 nations 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 Appleton, Wisconsin

1. Indicates its commitment to reducing GHG emissions through future implementation of a Climate Action Plan; and
2. Join other US cities in the Climate Mayors network in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement; and
3. Commits to exploring the potential benefits and costs of adopting policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of GHG emissions reduction while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action.
4. Form a Climate Change Board, to be filled by citizens of Appleton, city officials, and city staff to help set these goals and policies.