

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION NUMBER R-2017 _____

**A RESOLUTION TO REAFFIRM
ALAMEDA COUNTY'S CLIMATE ACTION COMMITMENTS
AND SUPPORT THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the overwhelming consensus of the international scientific community is that climate change is a global threat with significant impacts occurring today; and

WHEREAS, climate change is directly impacting Alameda County citizens through sea level rise, flooding, increased wildfires, drought, spread of vector-borne diseases, and air pollution harming the public health; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County is responsible for protecting its most vulnerable citizens, ensuring environmental equity, and creating a healthy environment for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County adopted the County Climate Change Leadership Resolution [R-2006-204], the County Principles for Climate Action Resolution [R-2012-368], and the Community Climate Action Plan Element Resolution [R-2014-35]; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County set aggressive targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions 15% by 2020 and 80% by 2050, developed Climate Action Plans for the Community and Government Services, and has reduced operational emissions by 18%; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County has installed solar power systems on 13 County buildings, worked with regional governments to purchase 90 electric vehicles and has installed 81 charging stations, supported 552 currently certified local businesses in becoming green certified, and is partnering to restore 15,100 acres of wetlands to protect against coastal flooding; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County is actively implementing measures in unincorporated communities to promote a pattern of land use intended to reduce reliance on conventional automobiles, to develop transportation infrastructure that facilitates the use of alternative lower-emission travel modes, and to encourage the efficient use of energy and water in new and existing buildings; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County is still fully committed to building resiliency by fighting climate change and preparing to adapt its services to address climate impacts on the community already underway and projected for the future; and

WHEREAS, the Beacon Award Program, a voluntary program of the Institute for Local Government the non-profit research affiliate of the California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities, provides a framework for California cities and counties working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Climate Agreement resulted in a commitment from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global average temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees Celsius in the future; and

WHEREAS, as the United States is a primary producer of greenhouse gases, the White House has, by pulling out of the Paris Climate Agreement, abdicated its moral responsibility to reduce emissions and prevent global catastrophe; and

WHEREAS, over 1,200 governors, mayors, businesses, investors, and colleges and universities from across the United States, representing 120 million Americans and \$6.2 trillion of the U.S. economy, have declared their intent to work to ensure the U.S. remains a global leader in reducing carbon emissions.

THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda, State of California, joins other U.S. cities, counties, and states in supporting the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement; and

FURTHERMORE, to support this commitment, the County will update its plans and policies to fight climate change and will assess and plan for current and future impacts of climate change on County services to the community; and

FURTHERMORE, the County will continue to work in a coordinated fashion across its agencies and with its partners to implement smart policies and programs to meet these commitments, such as promoting efficiency and low carbon energy, reducing transportation emissions, and advancing efficient resource use through our policies, programs, and purchasing power; and

FURTHERMORE, the County agrees to participate in the statewide Beacon Award Program to combat climate change, share best practices, and recognize its achievements; and

FINALLY, the County will strive to advance climate action at the local, state, federal and international level through entering into partnerships with other jurisdictions, sharing our experiences, and using the County’s political influence to promote sustainable policies for a climate friendly future at all levels of government.

The FOREGOING was PASSED and ADOPTED by a majority vote of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors this 27th day of June 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

EXCUSED:

Wilma Chan
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Approved as to Form:

By _____

Donna R. Ziegler
County Counsel