

**RESOLUTION
CITY OF PORTAGE, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION REGARDING CLIMATE CRISIS**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Portage, Michigan held virtually on February 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. local time at City Hall in the City of Portage, Kalamazoo County, Michigan.

PRESENT: Burns, Knapp, Ledbetter, Pearson, Randall, Reid, Urban.

ABSENT: None.

The following resolution was offered by:

COUNCILMEMBER: Urban and supported by

COUNCILMEMBER: Burns.

Whereas, in May 2009 the Portage Mayor and City Council were among a group of signatories to the Southwest Michigan Regional Sustainability Covenant, designed to provide an improved quality of life for future generations; and

Whereas, the City of Portage has a goal to develop and implement strategies to support a healthy and sustainable environment and local ecology; and

Whereas, the above goal is supported by a 2015 community-wide visioning exercise that emphasized a vision that the City of Portage will be recognized for sustainable planning based on ethical environmental standards and incentives; and

Whereas, with this resolution, the City of Portage joins with other communities in Southwest Michigan, the U.S. and internationally who recognize the short and long-term consequences posed by the climate crisis; and

Whereas, the City of Portage and neighboring communities have already begun to see the migration of vector-borne diseases and the impacts of extreme weather events on the safety and security of its citizens, businesses and investments; and

Whereas, the City of Portage is home to lakes, bogs, creeks and other sensitive ecological habitats unique to our community which are threatened by climate change; and

Whereas, the City of Portage is known for being a community with a commitment to the creation and maintenance of parks, trails and green spaces and a record of a commitment to environmental stewardship; and

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Portage, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of said City, held on the 9th day of February, 2021 the original of which resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my signature this 9th day of February 2021.

Erica Eklov
Erica Eklov, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Date: 2/3/2021
[Signature]
City Attorney

