

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 42

Approved February 13, 2020

WHEREAS, The climate crisis is one of the greatest challenges of our time; and

WHEREAS, Continued increases in global temperatures will devastate both human communities and natural ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island will be hit particularly hard as it has experienced the fastest temperature rise of any state in the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island faces increased storm intensity, flooding, heat waves, asthma, insect-borne diseases, crop and fishery failures, accelerating coastal erosion, and sea level rise of up to 11.5 feet this century as a direct result of climate change; and

WHEREAS, Climate change especially heightens the vulnerability of disadvantaged communities which bear environmental and socioeconomic burdens as well as legacies of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island and its local governments must take immediate action to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions by phasing out fossil fuels, create a just and equitable transition to a stable economy, and invest in adaptation and resilience to protect the people and places we love; and

WHEREAS, Actions undertaken by Rhode Island to cut greenhouse gas emissions must prioritize the safety, health, and economic well-being of disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, Transitioning our power generation away from fossil fuels to clean, locally generated, renewable energy creates good, family-sustaining jobs; and

WHEREAS, Although dramatic emissions reductions are necessary to avoid the most severe impacts of climate change, complementary adaptation measures will also be needed to address those risks that cannot be avoided; and

WHEREAS, The Environmental Council of Rhode Island's Climate Crisis Campaign is working to elevate climate issues and the need for policy solutions within at the state and local level.

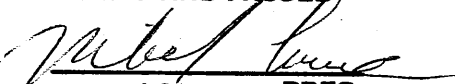
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby endorse the Environmental Council of Rhode Island's Climate Crisis Campaign.

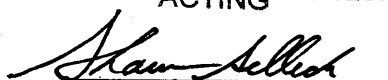
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Providence, the Environmental Council of Rhode Island, and to all members of the Providence General Assembly delegation.

IN CITY COUNCIL

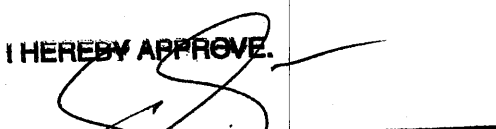
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I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
Mayor  
Date: 2/13/20