

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 286

EFFECTIVE June 26, 2017

WHEREAS, The changing climate trends and increasing greenhouse gas emissions pose a serious threat to our nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, According to NASA, ninety-seven percent of actively publishing scientists agree that climate warming trends over the past century are driven by human activities; and

WHEREAS, The United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports that climate change has brought about rising water levels and the loss of the Arctic's sea ice; and

WHEREAS, The IPCC also reports that global carbon and greenhouse gas emissions have increased by more than fifty percent since 1990; and

WHEREAS, The Paris Climate Accord is an agreement between the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) members to plan, implement and report their country's contributions to reduce emissions and build climate resilience; and

WHEREAS, On June 1, 2017, President Trump announced that the United States was withdrawing from the Paris Accord, effective November 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governors Jerry Brown of California, Andrew Cuomo of New York, and Jay Inslee of Washington formed the United States Climate Alliance with ten other governors in response to the President's announcement, pledging to uphold the U.S. goal of reducing emissions twenty-six to twenty-eight percent from 2005 levels; and

WHEREAS, The Mayors National Climate Action Agenda, representing two-hundred forty-six U.S. mayors, has pledged to honor the Paris Accord, including Los Angeles, New York City, Houston and Boston; and

WHEREAS, Businesses such as Apple, Google, Microsoft and Nike, as well as one hundred eighty-three universities and colleges have declared their intent to ensure the U.S. remains committed to the Paris Accord; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence has a duty to protect its people and the environment from the impacts of climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council strongly supports, in full, the Paris Climate Accord and all its goals, and remains committed to reducing emissions and mitigating the effects of climate change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the members of the Rhode Island Congressional delegation.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUN 15 2017

READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

**Effective without the
Mayor's Signature**

**Lori L. Hagen
City Clerk**