## RESOLUTION

## CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE BY CONSIDERING AND EXPLORING A CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND

WHEREAS, The Town of Pittsboro is committed to addressing climate change and is committed to protecting residents from the effects of climate change and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Climate change poses a serious threat to the Town of Pittsboro in terms of the economy, public health, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast region is experiencing longer and more frequent droughts, more frequent and intense storms and heavy precipitation events including unprecedented hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, more frequent heavy rains are expected to increase flooding, threatening infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, as temperatures rise and droughts increase in frequency and duration, agriculture and forestry will likely face reduced yields, potentially damaging livelihoods and the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, Congress has the responsibility to act swiftly and meaningfully on the issue of climate change; and

WHEREAS, Legislation addressing climate change should not economically overburden people in the Town of Pittsboro; and

WHEREAS, Carbon Fee and Dividend as put forth by the Citizens Climate Lobby and other groups will greatly help fight climate change, and is a net economic boost to residents of the Town of Pittsboro and its vicinity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF PITTSBORO, calls on the United States Congress to address climate change and explore a Carbon Fee and Dividend as a sound, effective policy.

Adopted this the 11th day of December, 2017.

ATTEST:

Alice F. Lloyd, CMC, NCCMC

Town Clerk