

RESOLUTION NO. R-70-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PULLMAN, WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT A CARBON PRICING POLICY FOR THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, the city of Pullman Comprehensive Plan states that it has a shared commitment to the "long-term health and stability of our community, its residents, and the environment that sustains them" including clean air and water and protection of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility and duty of the City Council to advocate for state and national policies that will protect all Pullman residents from events that could negatively impact their health, welfare, and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Pullman City Council recognizes that climate change is already having an impact in eastern Washington and threatens natural resources, food security, public health, quality of life, and the economy; and

WHEREAS, if left unaddressed, the consequences of a changing climate, including drought, higher temperatures, altered precipitation patterns, increased forest fires, more plant and animal pests and disease, and increased air pollution, have the potential to adversely impact all Pullman residents; and

WHEREAS impacts of unmitigated climate change can harm key public goods and economic sectors of agriculture, forestry, fisheries, water resources, and human health and impose additional costs on City budgets and saddle future generations with costly economic and environmental burdens across Washington state and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Pullman City Council recognizes that people and governments need to act to mitigate climate change and its effects; and

WHEREAS, the urgently needed transition from carbon-based fossil fuels can be accomplished effectively with a market-based program of putting a price on carbon coupled with a provision to alleviate the burden on low-income households.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and the City Council that

SECTION 1. The City Council urges the United States Congress to enact legislation and the United States President to sign into law a national, market-based price on carbon based on

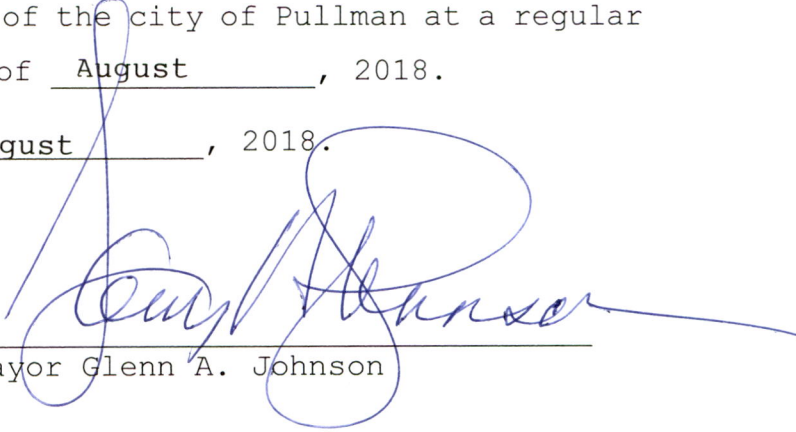
the best available research to ensure a policy that significantly reduces emissions while mitigating impacts on low-income households, in order to protect the economy and the climate today and for future generations.

SECTION 2. The City Council encourages other communities to join them in this request for the United States to recognize and address the global problems of carbon dioxide emissions.


SECTION 3. The City Council directs the City Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the delegation in the United States Congress representing Pullman, the state legislators representing Pullman, and the Washington governor within 30 days after passage of the resolution.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the city of Pullman at a regular meeting held on the 28th day of August, 2018.

DATED this 29th day of August, 2018.

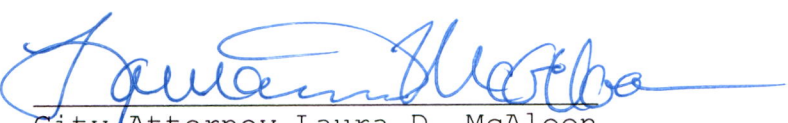
  
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Mayor Glenn A. Johnson

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk Dee Stiles-Elliott



Approved as to Form:

  
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City Attorney Laura D. McAloon

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