

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-07- 107

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND APPROVING LINN COUNTY'S REGISTRATION IN THE "WE ARE STILL IN" COALITION

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement is a landmark model of international cooperation marking the deepest global commitment to combat the threat of climate change; and,

WHEREAS, the stated goals to meet the objectives of the Paris Agreement, which aims at strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, are:

- (a) Holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2° above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5° above pre-industrial levels, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change;
- (b) Increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions development, in a manner that does not threaten food production; and
- (c) Making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development; and,

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the important role of all levels of government in combating the threat of climate change; and,

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that climate change is a common concern of all humankind and believes an effective and progressive global response is necessary to address the threat of climate change; and,

WHEREAS, the Board believes President Trump's decision, announced on June 1, 2017, to withdraw the United States of America from the Paris Agreement undermines global efforts to combat climate change; and,

WHEREAS, the Board believes the United States should be, and has historically been, a leader in environmental sustainability as demonstrated, in part, by the actions of President Theodore Roosevelt in establishing national parks, by the actions of President Nixon in establishing the Environmental Protection Agency and passing the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Air Act, by the actions of President Reagan and President George HW Bush in establishing and implementing the Montreal Protocol on Ozone-Depleting Substances and the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, and by the actions of President Obama in strengthening fuel economy standards and joining the Paris Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that humankind may be affected not only by climate change, but also by the impacts of measures taken in response to it; and,

WHEREAS, Linn County has demonstrated a commitment to sustainability and environmental protection through efforts such as including high energy efficiency standards in construction projects and including the promotion of personal health and environmental protection in the Linn County Strategic Plan; and,

WHEREAS, in the absence of a presidential commitment to the Paris Agreement, approximately 2,000 mayors, governors, college and university leaders and business leaders have declared ongoing support for efforts to meet the objectives of the Paris Agreement, in part by registering with the "We Are Still In" Coalition; and,

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the economic opportunities created by energy efficiency jobs, wind energy jobs, solar energy jobs and other clean energy jobs of today and the future and intends to support attracting these high quality jobs to Linn County; and

WHEREAS, the Board emphatically supports the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED the Linn County Board of Supervisors commits to honoring the objectives of the Paris Agreement and to the principles of energy efficiency, energy conservation and sustainability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board authorizes the Chair to register Linn County with the We Are Still In effort in support of combating the threat of climate change.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17 day of July 2017.

LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

[Signature]
Brent Oleson, Chairperson

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Stacey Walker, Supervisor

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John Harris, Chair
Vice

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Ben Rogers, Supervisor

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James Houser, Supervisor

AYE: 5 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Joel Miller, Linn County Auditor

STATE OF IOWA)
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COUNTY OF LINN) ss:

I, Joel Miller, County Auditor of Linn County, Iowa hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Linn County Board of Supervisors the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of:

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain and 0 Absent from voting.

[Signature]
Joel Miller, Linn County Auditor
Deputy

Signed and sworn to before me on the 17 day of July, 2017, by

[Signature]
Joel Miller by Rebecca Shoop, Deputy

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Notary Public – State of Iowa

