

RESOLUTION NO.

A Resolution of the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach, Delaware to join the United States Climate Alliance in response to the United States' withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.

**WHEREAS**, The Paris Agreement unified nations of the world to address climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, this historic agreement, which was adopted in 2015, was comprised of 195 countries, showing the growing concern of climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, the key goals of the Paris Agreement were to keep global temperatures down and limit greenhouse gases emitted by human activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Paris Agreement was the first step to providing a long-term plan for balancing greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 1, 2017, President Trump announced that the United States would withdraw from the Paris Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the United States' withdrawal, the United States Climate Alliance was formed by the states of California, New York and Washington and the states have agreed to uphold the elements of the Paris Agreement on climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, within a few days of its formation, 10 additional states and territories, including Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Virginia and the territory of Puerto Rico joined the United States Climate Alliance; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the United States Climate Alliance are committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by between 26% and 28% of 2005 levels and meeting or exceeding the goals of the Federal Clean Power Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the largest businesses operating in the United States, including Apple, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, PG&E Corporation and Unilever have urged President Trump to remain a signatory of the Paris Agreement citing its economic benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 1,200 local officials, businesses and educational institutions have also stated that they will uphold the elements of the Paris Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change is a growing threat to our health, environment, economy and future; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the Town of Dewey Beach to join the United States Climate Alliance to continue to move forward in addressing climate change and stimulating economic growth and job creation from the increase of energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources; therefore be it

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Commissioners of the Town of Dewey Beach, Delaware do hereby resolve by majority vote of the Town Commissioners that:

The Town of Dewey Beach will join the United States Climate Alliance in response to the United States' withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

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Dale H. Cooke, Mayor

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Marc Appelbaum, Town Manager