

Offered by City Councilor Michael F. Flaherty and Councilor Michelle Wu



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE GOALS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 2 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT

- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston is a coastal city that depends on the cleanliness and safety of our ocean, rivers, and ponds for the continued vibrancy of our marine industries and tourist attractions; and,
- WHEREAS:** Mayor Martin J. Walsh on behalf of the City of Boston and Governor Charlie Baker on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have outlined ambitious carbon reduction goals that protect and preserve the valuable natural resources of the Commonwealth and the City of Boston; and,
- WHEREAS:** The Boston City Council is currently exploring strategies to reduce the carbon footprint of municipal buildings in order to contribute to the City of Boston's climate readiness goals, save the City and taxpayers in maintenance and energy costs, and create a healthier work environment for City employees; and,
- WHEREAS:** The City of Boston recognizes the need to work in concert with other municipalities, states, and nations to protect these common resources, especially the ocean and other public waterways upon which the city and its coastal neighborhoods have a special reliance; and,
- WHEREAS:** The Paris Agreement sets out the following goals,
“(a) Holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C 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”;
- WHEREAS:** The goals set forth in Paris Agreement are consistent with the actions taken and goals determined to be appropriate by Mayor Walsh and the Boston City Council and the affirmation of the same signals the City of Boston's continued commitment to climate readiness; *NOW,*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Boston City Council hereby commits to the goals outlined in Article 2 of the Paris Agreement and will continue to take appropriate steps to ensure that Boston does its part to meet these global goals to remain a safe, clean and healthy city with the brightest possible future for all residents.

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