

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING LAKE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO RESPONSIBLE CLIMATE CONTROL INITIATIVES

FOR THE PURPOSE OF affirming and re-stating the commitment of Lake County, Illinois to promoting environmentally sustainable initiatives to help deter the harmful effects of climate change.

WHEREAS, the Lake County Regional Framework Plan encompasses several goals related to energy conservation, reducing emissions, promoting renewable energy, protecting natural resources, and implementing smart growth policies as part of its commitment to strong environmental protection measures; and

WHEREAS, Lake County is vulnerable to the devastating impacts of climate change, including extreme rain and snow events, heat waves, cold temperatures, flooding, and the associated adverse impacts on human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Lake County has and continues to take steps to address sustainability and minimize emissions in the county's operations through measures such as reducing emissions by diversifying its fleet with low-emission vehicles, ensuring new facilities meet standards for energy efficiency, investing in more efficient building automation systems, and seeking the use of renewable solar energy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Lake County:

1. Lake County remains committed to stemming the harmful effects of climate change by utilizing environmentally sustainable activities that help protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and natural resources of Lake County; and
2. Lake County remains committed to the goals and ideals of the Paris Climate Accord and the United States Climate Alliance, which seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through mitigation programs; and
3. The Lake County Board Chair is hereby authorized, on behalf of Lake County, to join with other groups and coalitions such as the County Climate Coalition which support the Paris Accord and reflect Lake County's continued commitment to combating climate change and focus on ensuring the future environmental, agricultural and fiscal resiliency of our region.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Lake County Board, on _____, 2019, by
the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:
