

RESOLUTION – COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING CLIMATE ACTION

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bath adopted the 2019 Climate Action Plan on November 6, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine adopted “*Maine Won’t Wait*,” the climate plan developed by the Maine Climate Council, as the state’s Climate Action Plan on December 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bath has pledged to take a leadership role to minimize the City’s energy use and emissions and maximize efficiency and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bath has demonstrated that commitment by joining the Community Resilience Partnership hosted through the Governor’s Office of Policy Innovation and Future, which will expedite vulnerability assessment, resilience planning, education, outreach and action; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bath Climate Action Commission has determined that the aforesaid Plan “*Maine Won’t Wait*” illuminates the need for aggressive and transformational climate action goals including:

- 80% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2050,
- Achieving Carbon neutrality by 2045,
- Committing to manage sea level rise of 1.5 feet by 2050 and 3.9 feet by 2100, and
- Preparing to manage sea level rise of 3.0 feet by 2050 and 8.8 feet by 2100; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Commission has further determined that meeting or exceeding those goals will require active engagement from all elements of City government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Bath, that the City of Bath directs the Climate Action Commission to update the City of Bath Climate Action Plan with the objective of meeting or exceeding the goals identified in the 2020 “*Maine Won’t Wait*” Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Bath, that the City of Bath shall adopt a policy to address climate change by taking a leadership role in directing the City Manager to report annually on the actions taken and planned for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, enabling carbon capture and addressing climate impacts in the operations of City departments in accord with meeting City of Bath goals.