

**RESOLUTION NO. 164-13**

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A NATIONAL REVENUE-NEUTRAL CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND IN ORDER TO HELP SLOW CLIMATE CHANGE

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**WHEREAS**, there is general scientific agreement that climate change is occurring and is at least partially the result of human activity; and

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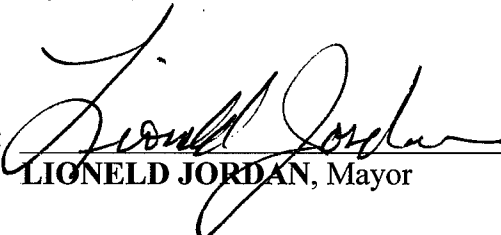
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**PASSED and APPROVED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2013.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By:   
LIONELD JORDAN, Mayor

By:   
SONDRA E. SMITH, City Clerk/Treasurer



AGENDA REQUEST

FOR: COUNCIL MEETING OF July 16, 2013

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FROM:

ALDERMAN SARAH MARSH

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ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TITLE AND SUBJECT:

A Resolution Supporting A National Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee And Dividend To Help Slow Climate Change

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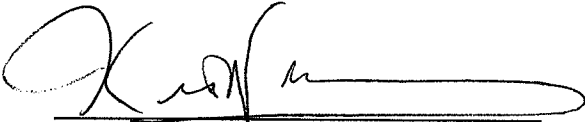
APPROVED FOR AGENDA:



Alderman Sarah Marsh

June 17, 2013

Date



City Attorney Kit Williams  
(Approved As To Form)

June 17, 2013

Date

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OMNI350 is the environment committee of OMNI Center for Peace, Justice and Ecology.

Fayetteville Citizen's Climate Lobby is the Fayetteville and Eureka Springs branch of a national organization with over 80 chapters in the US and Canada, devoted to empowering individuals to effect policies at the national level that would reduce climate emissions.

There are now 400 ppm of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere, while for the last 800,000 years the world has fluctuated between 170-300 ppm. It is just in the last 50 years that we have gone beyond that range. Even if we cut all emissions now, temperatures would still continue to rise since once CO<sub>2</sub> is in the atmosphere, it can continue to affect the climate for thousands of years. 97% of scientists agree that climate change is caused by burning of fossil fuels. James Hansen, this country's most eminent climatologist, has said that a carbon fee and dividend as described in this resolution is the most effective means at our disposal to reduce climate emissions through the actions of the free market, as well as encourage the development of renewable technologies by leveling the playing field.

Our national leaders are not addressing this crisis with the urgency required. A majority of Americans are calling for action on climate change. Businesses, faith communities, organizations and municipalities are calling for action. Eureka Springs passed this resolution on May 29th, and OMNI350 and Fayetteville Citizen's Climate Lobby would like our city, Fayetteville, to pass it also, to express the desire of the people of Fayetteville to support a national carbon fee and dividend..

Thank you,  
Robert McAfee and Shelley Buonaiuto  
Co-Chairs, OMNI350 and  
Citizen's Climate Lobby