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ADMINISTRATION RESOLUTION NO. 33-2016

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER
CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE
CHANGE BY CONSIDERING AND EXPLORING A CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND.**

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster and those receiving City funds strive to attain the highest environmental design rating that can be accomplished with funding available; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Lancaster is committed to fighting climate change and is committed to protecting Lancasterians from the effects of climate change and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, climate change poses a serious threat to the City of Lancaster in terms of the economy, public health, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, as a result of climate change, the Northeast is experiencing warming temperatures and a large increase in the amount of rainfall measured during heavy precipitation events; and

WHEREAS, more frequent heat waves in the Northeast are expected to increasingly threaten human health through more heat stress and air pollution, increasing heat stroke, and heart, lung and kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, storms intensify from climate change and more frequent heavy rains are expected to increase flooding, threatening urban infrastructure, leading to increasing drinking water contamination and disease outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, elevated carbon dioxide, moisture, and higher temperatures from climate change are already increasing pollen and mold growth, worsening asthma attacks, lung diseases and allergic symptoms; and

WHEREAS, as temperatures rise, agriculture will likely face reduced yields, potentially damaging livelihoods and the regional economy; and


WHEREAS, Congress has the responsibility to act swiftly and meaningfully on the issue of climate change; and

WHEREAS, legislation addressing climate change should not economically burden Lancaster or Lancasterians; and

WHEREAS, Carbon Fee and Dividend, as put forth by the Citizens' Climate Lobby, greatly helps fight climate change, protects Lancasterians from the effects of climate change, and is a net economic boost to Lancaster and Lancasterians.

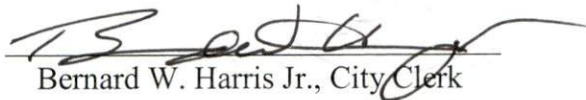
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Lancaster, calls on the United States Congress to address climate change and explore a Carbon Fee and Dividend as a sound, effective policy.

City of Lancaster



J. Richard Gray, Mayor

Attest:



Bernard W. Harris Jr., City Clerk