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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A NATIONAL CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND POLICY

WHEREAS, the City Council of Portland, Maine, is committed to fighting climate change and to protecting city residents from the effects of climate change and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, climate change poses serious threats to Portland’s economy, public health, and environment; and

WHEREAS, there is scientific consensus regarding the reality of climate change and the connection between human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases, and warming of the planet; and

WHEREAS, as a result of climate change, the Northeast is experiencing warming temperatures, heavier downpours, and increased rainfall; and

WHEREAS, carbon pollution in our atmosphere increases the rate of asthma and the number of premature deaths in our region; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise, increasingly heavy downpours and storm surges threaten the city’s coastal assets, and annual high tides are already flooding Portland’s low-lying streets and wharves; and

WHEREAS, rising water temperatures in Casco Bay are driving food fish and lobsters northward and into deeper waters; and

WHEREAS, increasing and unpredictable temperatures are threatening our region’s agriculture, damaging livelihoods, and threatening our food supply; and

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

WHEREAS, legislation addressing climate change should not economically burden Portland or its residents; and

WHEREAS, a Carbon Fee and Dividend as put forth by the Citizens Climate Lobby would greatly help fight climate change, help protect Portland and its residents from the

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worst effects of climate change, and be a net economic boost to Portland and our region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council and Mayor call on the United States Congress to address climate change by adopting as one important measure among others a Carbon Fee and Dividend as a sound, effective policy.

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