



# City of Duluth

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RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CLIMATE CHANGE AND URGING CONGRESS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE BY CONSIDERING A CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND.

BY COUNCILOR RUSS:

WHEREAS, the city administration and council are responsible for maintaining and enhancing the health, safety and quality of life of all Duluth residents;

WHEREAS, scientist overwhelmingly agree that current climate change is caused by human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases and that climate change is a threat to our economy, safety, public health and quality of life;

WHEREAS, climate change is having an effect on the city of Duluth by producing more severe rain events, such as the one that cause the 2012 flooding, by warming the temperature of the water in our rivers and streams and reducing trout populations, and by contributing to higher water levels in Lake Superior which has caused shore line erosion and millions of dollars in infrastructure damage;

WHEREAS, the city's administration is committed to reducing the city's greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050 and the council, administration and community partners are taking steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the city by supporting electric vehicle charging stations, purchasing solar generated electricity, pursuing renewable fuel options for the city's steam plant, installing energy efficient lighting and helping citizens reduce energy waste through the energy audit program; and

WHEREAS, while it is important for state and local governments to do their part to address climate change, the United States Congress must also take responsibility to act swiftly and meaningfully on the issue of climate change.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE, that the Duluth city council urges the United States Congress to address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels by considering a carbon fee and dividend as a sound, effective policy.

A motion was made that this Resolution be adopted The motion carried by the following vote:

I, Roberta A. Pirkola, City Clerk of the City of Duluth, Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing passed by the city council on 4/9/2018, with the original approved and that the same is a true and correct transcript therefrom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said city of Duluth.

City Clerk

5-1-18

Date Certified