

RESOLUTION #32-2018

A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO LEVY A REVENUE-NEUTRAL FEE ON THE CARBON IN FOSSIL FUELS

WHEREAS, climate change has been widely recognized by government, business and academic leaders as a worldwide threat with the potential to harm our economy, safety, public health, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the long-term consequences of climate change are devastating to our tourism and recreation-based economy, and quality of life, such as increased heat, prolonged drought, destructive wildfires, increased flooding, reduced stream flow; and

WHEREAS, Moab has already recognized the threats of climate change to the County and pledged to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness, education, and outreach regarding how the economy, the environment, and societal well-being interrelate to each other within the confluence of climate change, thus better preparing our citizens to both mitigate the impacts of climate change and confront the negative impacts of climate change in a more productive manner; and

WHEREAS, we are joined in taking action on climate change by a global coalition of cities, counties, state and national governments and community and private sector leaders who recognize the importance and potential of these actions to protect and enhance the well-being of current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the transition away from fossil fuels can be accelerated through a market- driven mechanism, such as a carbon fee and dividend that would encourage and empower residents to reduce and replace their consumption of fossil fuels with renewable and other alternative energy sources through conservation, being more efficient, and choosing less carbon- intensive energy sources; and

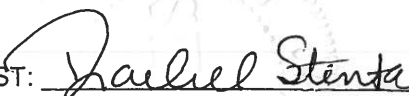
WHEREAS, Moab encourages the United States Congress to pass legislation that levies a revenue-neutral fee on the carbon in fossil fuels at the point of production and importation sufficient to encourage individuals and corporations to produce and use less fossil fuels and to make the transition less onerous on the economy and to consumers by returning to American households all the revenues generated from this fee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Moab, Utah, that

The Moab City Council and Mayor strongly urge the US Congress to pass legislation that levies a revenue-neutral fee on the carbon in fossil fuels as part of our commitment to show sustainability leadership at a local, regional, state and national level.

ADOPTED on this 10th day of July, 2018.

SIGNATURE:  Mayor

ATTEST:  City Recorder