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Environmental Advisory Council
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RESOLUTION NO. 25 2018

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the city of Reading is committed to fighting climate change and to protecting Reading's citizens from the effects of climate change and air pollution, and has expressed that commitment in a June 12, 2017 Resolution opposing the President's withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accords; and

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

WHEREAS, as a result of climate change, the Northeast United States 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 United States are expected to increasingly threaten human health through more heat stress and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise and more frequent heavy rains are expected to increase flooding and storm surge, threatening infrastructure; 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

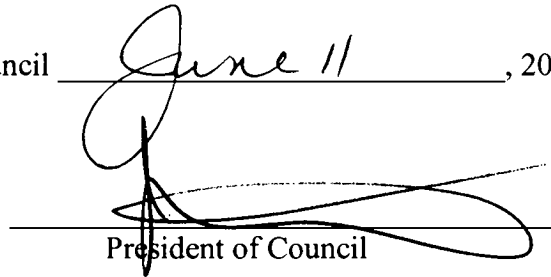
WHEREAS legislation addressing climate change should not economically burden Reading and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the dividend should be received by all citizens and by local municipalities whose operational costs will rise due to the cost of the carbon fee.

WHEREAS, carbon fee and dividend as put forth by the Citizens Climate Lobby greatly helps fight climate change, protects citizens from the effects of climate change and is a net economic boost to Reading and its citizens, all as more fully explained in the attached letter of support from the Environmental Advisory Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Reading calls on the United States Congress to address climate change and explore a carbon fee and dividend as a sound, effective policy.

Adopted by Council June 11, 2018



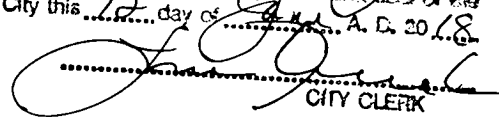
President of Council

Attest:



City Clerk

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 11 day of June A. D. 20 18. Witness my hand and official of the said City this 12 day of June A. D. 20 18.



CITY CLERK