

## **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND ENERGY INITIATIVES**

The Mayor, City Council and staff share a duty to ensure our City engages in actions and plans that create a viable, sustainable and responsible plan to ensure our community thrives now and for future generations.

**WHEREAS**, climate change is real, and increasing levels of greenhouse gas emissions are having an adverse effect on both natural and built environments;

**WHEREAS**, these physical effects could lead to water scarcity, food insecurity, increasing poverty and complex unforeseen challenges for our future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, clean, renewable energy is defined as energy derived from ongoing natural processes that rapidly replenish and are sustainably collected from renewable sources such as solar, wind and geothermal. Energy efficiency will be a critical part of our approach to minimize our impact on the local and global environment; and

**WHEREAS**, other alternative approaches to energy and City activities may be considered based on review and evaluation for sustainability and environmental justice implications; and

**WHEREAS**, leading policy experts, along with state and federal agencies, have indicated a transition to a clean energy economy and sustainable practices could create jobs, improve living standards and boost community growth; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fayetteville, along with a consortium of public and private community partners have collectively agreed to establish and form a Regional Energy Collaborative; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fayetteville is individually committed to improving sustainability efforts through the development of a modern sustainability report and roadmap;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of Fayetteville does hereby affirm our commitment to the following:

Section 1. The development of a comprehensive and informed sustainability report and roadmap for the City of Fayetteville.

Section 2. The establishment and participation in a Regional Energy Collaborative to collectively identify and work toward shared goals of energy efficiency in our region which would include making progress toward significantly reducing carbon emissions to become a net-zero city by 2050, increasing electric vehicle and alternative fuel use, increasing green buildings and construction, and maintaining our commitment to a green community.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**, on this, the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2023;