

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A STATE GOAL OF 100% CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY BY 2050 AND CREATION OF GREEN JOBS

WHEREAS for many years, climate scientists have predicted that greenhouse gases emitted by burning fossil fuels would increase the Earth's average temperatures and change its climate with dire consequences;

WHEREAS scientists have predicted that an increase in the average temperature is causing and will continue to cause major adverse impacts such as longer and more intense heat waves, prolonged droughts, spread of infectious diseases, rising sea levels, ocean acidification, wildfires, and more intense and more frequent extreme weather events;

WHEREAS studies point to severe economic costs of climate change;

WHEREAS there are significant risks to counties and municipalities in North Carolina which will incur large, unpredictable costs adapting to and mitigating the effects of climate change;

WHEREAS responsible planning requires that Forsyth County begin to address the possible effects of climate change and support actions to mitigate those effects; and

WHEREAS the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners commits to using, where feasible, clean and renewable energy for its operations; encouraging private citizens, businesses, other governmental units, and the State of North Carolina to strive toward a goal of using as much clean and renewable energy as feasible, with a goal of moving toward a complete transition to 100% clean and renewable in all energy sectors by 2050; and promoting green job creation and economic growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners commit to achieving these goals, which will promote a sustainable and clean energy economy for North Carolina and the United States.

Adopted this the 5th day of December 2019.