

***A Proclamation of the
City of Whitefish, Montana
Upholding the Paris Climate Agreement***



WHEREAS, there is a global scientific consensus that the earth's climate is warming and that it is extremely likely that warming trends are due to human activities, chiefly the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, climate change poses a major threat to the health and livelihood of American cities, including the City of Whitefish, with impacts as far-ranging as increasing flooding, drought, reduced water supply, wildfires, compromised public health, habitat loss, and invasive species; and

WHEREAS, climate change, if unchecked, will have mounting impacts on human health, natural systems, and infrastructure which will create new costs for individuals, businesses and governments; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2015, a total of 196 nations, including the United States, made a historic pact in Paris, France to adopt green energy sources, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, limit the global temperature increase to no more than 2 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels, and to pursue efforts to limit the increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Paris Climate Agreement, the United States committed to reducing its carbon emissions by 26 to 28% from 2005 levels by 2025; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2017, President Donald Trump announced that the United States will withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement; and

WHEREAS, since President Trump's announcement, over 200 American cities have committed to upholding the Paris Climate Agreement

even in the absence of federal leadership; and

WHEREAS, like those cities, the City of Whitefish believes that meaningful action is needed at all levels of government to mitigate and adapt to climate change, protect the public trust, ensure a resilient community, and leave a healthy environment and atmosphere for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whitefish recognizes that energy conservation and other actions to address climate change can complement economic development and offer the community opportunities for new technology, new business ventures and more.

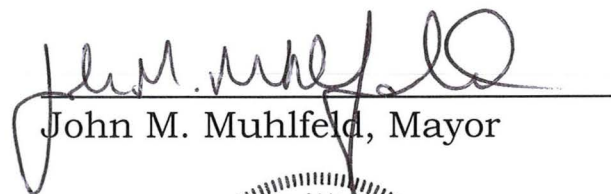
NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Muhlfeld, Mayor of Whitefish, Montana, do hereby proclaim that:

The City of Whitefish adopts, honors and commits to upholding the goals enshrined in the Paris Climate Agreement.


The City of Whitefish commits to making the mitigation of climate change a priority.

The City of Whitefish will increase its efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions, create a clean energy economy, and stand for environmental justice.

DECLARED this 19th day of June 2017 by the Mayor of Whitefish.


John M. Muhlfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michelle Howke, City Clerk

