

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SARATOGA SPRINGS IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of global warming include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (e.g. droughts and floods), adverse impacts on ecosystems, demographic patterns and economic value chains; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York through Executive Order #166 has mandated statewide reduction of GHG emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, responding to the climate change provides communities an opportunity to access first mover advantage in the range of products, services and know-how that transitioning to a climate-compatible future brings; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement resulted in a commitment from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS:

1. Indicates its commitment to reducing GHG emissions through the creation and implementation of a Climate Action Plan; and
2. Joins other US cities in the Climate Mayors network in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement; and
3. Commits to exploring the potential benefits and costs of adopting policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of GHG emissions reduction while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action.

Ayes _____ Nays _____

Dated: May, 21, 2019