

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 21-13

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Executive Director

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RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR COORDINATING US FEDERAL GOVERNMENTAL AND NVRC REGIONAL CLIMATE EFFORTS

WHEREAS, the best available science convincingly indicates that sustained increases of greenhouse gas emissions may affect the communities of Northern Virginia Region for the short- and long-term; and

WHEREAS, the effects of these emissions on the climate and the communities of Northern Virginia will potentially stress economic prosperity, environmental and human health from more extreme heat, increased flooding from sea-level rise, and prolonged, intense and frequent storm events; and

WHEREAS, climate change can negatively and disproportionately affects the most economically and socially marginalized populations of our region; and

WHEREAS, the US Government has prioritized the reduction of greenhouse gases and the mitigation of climate-induced stressors, especially at the local level; and

WHEREAS, close coordination between federal and local governments and academic, science, commercial and civil society partners is a vital necessity in the attainment of actionable climate strategies in Northern Virginia;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission will work with its federal and state governmental partners to:

- Support efforts towards creating a cleaner and more resilient electrical sector, especially in the development of local-level electric vehicle infrastructure planning and operations; and
- Support approval of policies and programs that encourage applications of renewable energy, especially via the removal or minimization of federal tariffs on renewable energy technologies for wind and solar;
- Support design, construction or retrofit of homes and buildings that maximize energy efficiency or net-zero emissions through updated building codes and tax incentives by 2040; and
- Develop and apply new standards for resilient water infrastructure via strategies that mitigate climate impacts of floods, droughts, and erosion; and
- Plan and implement integrated urban resiliency strategies to mitigate urban heat island and negative public health effects of marginalized communities and people; and
- Encourage strategic, outcome-oriented international cooperation at the local level that encourage transfers and applications of best practices policy and technical innovations from abroad and benefit the communities of Northern Virginia economically, environmentally and socially.



CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on January 28, 2021.


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