

**RESOLUTION R-2021-71**

**A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE CITY OF DURANGO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION GOALS AND JOINING THE ICLEI 150 AND CITIES RACE TO ZERO CAMPAIGN**

**WHEREAS**, The city of Durango has identified environmental and social sustainability as a priority for the city, including through the adoption of greenhouse gas emissions goals and development of a community Sustainability Plan;

**WHEREAS**, On August 20, 2019, Durango City Council unanimously passed a Resolution adopting a goal to reduce community-wide and municipal greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050 and by 30% by 2030 from 2016 levels;

**WHEREAS**, The Durango City Council recognizes the global climate emergency and the need for more urgent action to achieve carbon neutrality and keep global heating below the 1.5° Celsius goal of the Paris Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, The Durango City Council further recognizes the unique role that cities can play in establishing targets, policies and programs that put inclusive climate action at the center of urban decision making, to create thriving and equitable communities for everyone;

**WHEREAS**, The Durango City Council wishes to join cities across the US in committing to the ICLEI 150 Cities Race to Zero, a U.S. local effort in support of the global campaign of the United Nations' Climate Champions to rally leadership and support from businesses, cities, regions and investors for a healthy, resilient, zero-carbon recovery that prevents future threats, creates decent jobs, and unlocks inclusive, sustainable growth;

**WHEREAS**, Through the city of Durango's membership of ICLEI USA, staff have received technical assistance to develop a science-based greenhouse gas emissions target reflecting the maximum fair share of effort to reach a 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Durango recognizes the importance of leading by example and is currently updating its Sustainability Plan, including identification of local high-impact actions to reduce municipal and community-wide greenhouse gas emissions.

**RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DURANGO**, that the city of Durango endorses the principles and commits to the requirements set out in the ICLEI 150 Commitment Form; and

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DURANGO**, that the city of Durango adopts the following updated goals for both the city of Durango municipal operations and the community:

1. Net carbon neutral by 2050,
2. An interim science-based target of a 54% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, representing Durango's fair share of a 50% reduction in global greenhouse gas emissions.

Approved and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

CITY OF DURANGO, COLORADO



By: Kim Baxter  
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