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WHEREAS, the National Climate Assessment has identified extreme precipitation, flooding, declining air quality, extreme temperature changes which deviate from historical norms, and more as observed impacts of climate change in Pennsylvania and in Reading; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reading Environmental Advisory Council has been working toward sustainability in the City of Reading by encouraging residents' use of rain barrels and by creating steep slope and riparian buffer regulations; and by encouraging and removing barriers to the installation of alternative energy systems; and

WHEREAS, numerous authoritative scientific bodies, including the US Global Change Research Program, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change have recognized that carbon pollution created by the burning of fossil fuels is contributing to global warming; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's power plants are its largest source of carbon pollution, contributing to 44% of its total according to PennEnvironment Research and Policy Center's 2012 report "America's Dirtiest Power Plants"; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Massachusetts v. EPA* (2007) that greenhouse gases are "air pollutants" as defined by the Clean Air Act and the Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to regulate them; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed Clean Power Plan sets a target of reducing the carbon emissions rate from Pennsylvania's power plants for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania 32% by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Power Plan gives Pennsylvania the opportunity to design its own plan to meet its carbon reduction targets by investing in renewable energy and energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency and renewable energy like wind and solar are proven, cost-effective alternatives to burning fossil fuels; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Reading respectfully requests that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection work with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials to develop a plan to reduce carbon pollution from Pennsylvania's power plants to exceed its Clean Power Plan target, and that maximizes the potential for renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Adopted by Council Aug 10, 2015

Vice President of Council

Attest:

Linda A. Kelleher
City Clerk

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Resolut. passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 10 day of Dec A. D. 20 15. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 11 day of Dec A. D. 20 15

CITY CLERK