



**COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 5279**

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**PASSED: 7:0**

**REJECTED:**

**OPPOSED:**

**ABSENT: Yeh**

**CONSIDERED: October 14, 2019**



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#### **The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:**

**A.** On April 22, 2016, world leaders from 174 countries and the European Union recognized the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to keep global warming well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C.

**B.** On October 8, 2018, the United Nations International Panel on Climate Change released a special report which projected that limiting warming to the 1.5°C target this century will require an unprecedented transformation of every sector of the global economy over the next 12 years.

**C.** World Wildlife Fund's 2018 Living Planet report finds that there has been a 60% decline in global wildlife populations between 1970 and 2014.

**D.** According to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, human activity has already severely altered 40% of the marine environment, 50% of inland waterways, and 75% of the planet's land, and it is projected that half-to-one million species are threatened with extinction.

**E.** The United States of America has disproportionately contributed to the climate emergency and has repeatedly obstructed global efforts to transition toward a green economy, and thus bears an extraordinary responsibility to rapidly address these existential threats.

**F.** Prompt transition to sustainable economic practice is critical for providing a healthy biosphere and watersheds, and for sustaining ecosystems for human populations as well as for Earth's other complexly interrelated species.

**G.** Marginalized populations in Eugene, Oregon and worldwide, including people of color, immigrants, indigenous communities, low-income individuals, people with disabilities, and the unhoused are disproportionately affected by climate change, and will continue to bear an excess burden.

**H.** Addressing climate change fairly requires transitioning from fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy that is ecologically sustainable and equitable for all people.

I. People around the world have a fundamental right to clean, healthy and adequate air, water, and land.

J. The economy must shift from dirty energy to energy democracy that benefits people, the environment, and a clean, renewable energy economy.

K. Building a society resilient to current, expected, and potential effects of climate change will protect health, lives, ecosystems, and economies, and such resilience efforts will have the greatest positive impact if the most dramatic potential consequences of climate change are taken into account.

L. Eugene, Oregon, by enacting a Climate Recovery Ordinance into city policy, can hereby support this local youth-led climate emergency mobilization.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUGENE, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:**

Section 1. The Eugene City Council declares its support for the youth-led emergency climate strike September 20 through September 27, 2019.

Section 2. The Eugene City Council applauds citizens, especially the youth, in their continuing efforts to take actionable steps to address the climate change emergency.

Section 3. This Resolution is effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council.

**The foregoing Resolution adopted the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.**

*Samantha Roberts*  
Deputy City Recorder