

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF KALAMAZOO  
KALAMAZAOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE DECLARATION OF A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND  
REQUESTING REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON AN IMMEDIATE JUST TRANSITION  
AND MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE A SAFE CLIMATE**

**WHEREAS**, in April 2016 world leaders from 175 countries recognized the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to keep warming “well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels” and to “pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C”;

**WHEREAS**, the destruction already wrought by global warming of approximately 1°C demonstrate that the Earth is already too hot for safety and justice as attested by increased and intensifying wildfires, floods, rising seas, diseases, droughts and extreme weather;

**WHEREAS**, climate change and the global economy’s overshoot of ecological limits are driving the sixth mass extinction of species, as referenced in the UN’s Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services;

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America has disproportionately contributed to the climate and ecological crises;

**WHEREAS**, restoring a safe and stable climate requires an emergency mobilization on a scale not seen since World War II, to reach zero greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors and to rapidly and safely drawdown or remove all the excess carbon from the atmosphere;

**WHEREAS**, the term “Just Transition” is a framework for a fair shift to an economy that is ecologically sustainable, equitable and just for all its members;

**NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, the Charter Township of Kalamazoo declares that a climate emergency threatens our township, region, state, and the natural world;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Charter Township of Kalamazoo commits to a just transition and climate mobilization effort to reverse global warming, which, with appropriate financial and regulatory assistance from the County of Kalamazoo and State and Federal authorities, ends local greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible preferably no later than 2030;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Charter Township of Kalamazoo commits to educating our residents about the climate emergency and working to catalyze a just transition and climate mobilization effort at the local, state, national, and global levels to provide maximum protection for our residents as well as all the people and species of the world;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Charter Township of Kalamazoo underscores the need for full community participation, inclusion, and support;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Charter Township of Kalamazoo commits to keeping the concerns of vulnerable communities central to all just transition and climate mobilization effort planning processes and to inviting and encouraging such communities to actively participate in order to advocate directly for their needs;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Charter Township of Kalamazoo joins a national call for a regional just transition and climate mobilization collaborative effort focused on transforming our region and rapidly catalyzing a mobilization at all levels of government to restore a safe climate; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Charter Township of Kalamazoo calls on the State of Michigan, the United States of America, and all governments and peoples worldwide to initiate a just transition and climate mobilization effort to reverse global warming to restore near pre-industrial global average temperatures and greenhouse gas concentrations by halting the development of all new fossil fuel infrastructure and by rapidly phasing out all fossil fuels and the technologies which rely upon them; while encouraging efforts to safely draw down carbon from the atmosphere, and creating high-quality, good-paying jobs with comprehensive benefits for those who will be impacted by this transition.

Motion was made by Trustee Leigh, seconded by Clerk Miller, to adopt the foregoing resolution.

Upon roll call vote the following voted "Aye": Supervisor Donald D. Martin, Clerk Mark E. Miller, Treasurer Sherine M. Miller, Trustees Jeremy L. Hathcock, Nicolette Leigh, Steven C. Leuty, Jennifer A. Strebs

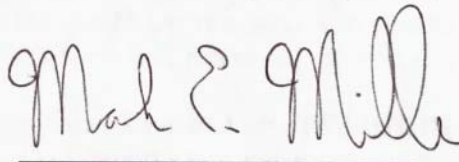
The following voted "Nay": None

The following were absent: None

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the Resolution duly adopted, this date June 10, 2019.

#### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Kalamazoo Charter Township Board held on June 10, 2019; that the meeting was conducted and public notice of the meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act; that a quorum of the Board was present and voted in favor of the resolution; and that the minutes of the meeting will be or have been made available as required by the Open Meetings Act.



Mark E. Miller, Clerk

Charter Township of Kalamazoo

Kalamazoo County, Michigan

Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019