



THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
of the
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
County of Essex
State of New Jersey

Monday, April 9, 2018

RESOLUTION NO. 67-18

Offered by Councilor **MANS**
Seconded by Councilor _____

**Memorializing the Borough's Commitment
To the Goals of the Paris Climate Accord**

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that climate change caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of climate change include by are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events and adverse impacts on ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge, New Jersey is committed to its future generations of residents as demonstrated by its great schools and continuous improvements to the Borough and its facilities and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge acts on this commitment through achieving Silver Status in the Sustainable Jersey program, promoting town-wide recycling, providing jitney service to encourage the use of mass transit and reduce the number of vehicle miles driven, hosting an annual Eco-Fair to educate residents on sustainable practices, developing a community energy aggregation program and conducting energy audits and upgrading municipal and school buildings to reduce energy use and save money; and

WHEREAS, responding to climate change provides communities an opportunity to access first mover advantages in the range of products, services, and know-how that transitioning to a climate-compatible future brings; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Climate Accord (also known as the Paris Agreement) resulted in a commitment from almost every nation in the world to take action and enact programs to limit the global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees Celsius in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Borough Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge that the Borough of Glen Ridge;

1. Joins other US cities in the Climate Mayors network (<http://climatemayors.org>) in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Climate Accord; and
2. Commits to exploring policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of greenhouse gas emissions reduction, while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action for the Borough; and
3. Sign the open letter available at wearestillin.com

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to President Donald Trump, Senator Bob Menendez, Senator Cory Booker, Congressman Payne, Governor Phil Murphy, State Senator Ronald Rice, Assemblywomen Cleopatra Tucker, Assemblyman Ralph Caputo, Municipalities in Essex County, and the League of Municipalities.

I, Michael J. Rohal, Municipal Clerk of The Borough of Glen Ridge, in The County of Essex and in The State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a "RESOLUTION" adopted by The Mayor and The Borough Council on Monday, April 9, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal of the Borough of Glen Ridge on this 9th day of April 2018.

Michael J. Rohal
Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk