

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 91

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4 **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION**
5 **OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA;**
6 **AFFIRMING THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH'S**
7 **COMMITMENT TO THE PARIS CLIMATE ACCORD; STATING**
8 **THAT THE CITY WILL STRIVE TO MEET THE GOALS AND**
9 **OBJECTIVES LAID FORTH IN THE ACCORD BY**
10 **PERFORMING A GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY AS**
11 **SOON AS FEASIBLE AND TAKING THE NECESSARY**
12 **STEPS TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS;**
13 **PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14 **WHEREAS**, there is scientific consensus regarding the reality of climate change
15 and the recognition that human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that
16 create greenhouse gases, is an important driver of climate change; and

17 **WHEREAS**, climate change has been widely recognized by government, business
18 and academic leaders as a worldwide threat with the potential to harm our economy,
19 safety, public health, and quality of life; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the City of Hallandale Beach ("City") actively collaborates with other
21 local governments throughout our region, state, nation, and the world to learn from each
22 other and identify win-win opportunities to take action on climate change while creating
23 measurable benefits in our communities; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Paris Climate Accord, also known as the Paris Agreement, is an
25 international agreement within the United Nations Framework on Climate Change; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Paris Climate Accord arose from a pact on December 12, 2015
27 among representatives of 196 nations, to take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
28 and slow the rise in global temperatures; and

29 **WHEREAS**, President Donald Trump's announcement seeking to withdraw the
30 United States of America from the Paris Agreement undermines this critical global effort
31 to confront one of the greatest challenges facing our community and communities all
32 across the planet; and

33 **WHEREAS**, the reality of climate change has not been affected by recent political
34 announcements; and

35 **WHEREAS**, more than eighty-six (86) mayors representing more than 40 million
36 Americans have recently re-affirmed their cities' commitments to climate action; and

37 **WHEREAS**, the absence of federal leadership only increases the importance of
38 local leadership in avoiding the most dangerous and costly effects of climate change; and

39 **WHEREAS**, the City has not yet adopted a greenhouse gas reduction plan.
40 However, the Sustainability Action Planning (SAP) process which launched in mid-June
41 2017 will include a large scale data collection effort that will help to facilitate the creation
42 of a greenhouse gas reduction plan in the near future; and

43 **WHEREAS**, the City is committed to taking action on climate change through a
44 global coalition of cities, state and national governments and leaders in the public and
45 private sector who recognize the importance and potential of these actions to protect and
46 enhance the well-being of current and future generations.

47 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY**
48 **COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:**

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50 **SECTION 1.** The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby incorporated herein.

51 **SECTION 2.** The Mayor and City Commission of Hallandale Beach affirm the City's
52 commitment to the Paris Climate Accord and state that the City will strive to meet the goals
53 and objectives laid forth in the Accord by performing a greenhouse gas inventory as soon
54 as feasible and taking the necessary steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

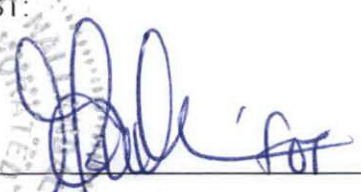
55 **SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and
56 adoption.

61 APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16 day of August, 2017.

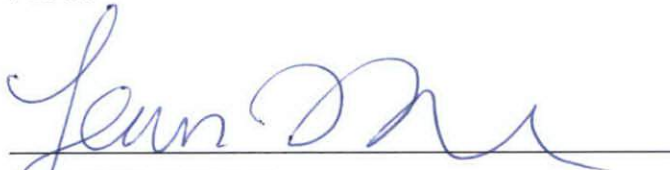
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66 JOY F. COOPER
67 MAYOR

68 SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

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74 MARIO BATAILLE, CMC
75 CITY CLERK

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77 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY AND
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83 CITY ATTORNEY

VOTE
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Mayor Cooper	☒ / ☐
Vice Mayor London	☒ / ☐
Comm. Lazarow	☒ / ☐
Comm. Taub	☒ / ☐