

RESOLUTION R: 91 – 18

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO TO
ESTABLISH A RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD WITH A GOAL OF
100% RENEWABLE ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION BY 2035**

WHEREAS, There is broad scientific consensus that Earth's climate is warming and this warming is being caused by human activities that cause the release of greenhouse gases due to use of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, climate change has far reaching impacts, including increasing likelihood of extreme weather events, sea level rise, flooding, drought, and mass extinctions; and

WHEREAS, scientists are warning that we are quickly approaching climate tipping points, unpredictable and irreversible changes in our planet's climate; and

WHEREAS, climate change can have a disproportionate and adverse impact on vulnerable populations especially people living in environmental justice communities, people with low incomes, children, and seniors; and

WHEREAS, the impact of climate change can cause damage to public parks, roads, municipal properties and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the pollution from dirty energy disproportionately and acutely harms communities of color and low-income communities; and

WHEREAS, co-pollutants from burning fossil fuels create significant respiratory ailments and deaths; and

WHEREAS, the provision of basic public services such as water treatment and snow removal can increase with climate change; and

WHEREAS, resources for first responders can be strained when climate change-related extreme weather events arise; and

WHEREAS, many of the costs associated with the impacts of climate change and/or mitigating those impacts will be borne by state and local governments, putting further strain on public budgets; and

WHEREAS, it is less expensive to plan for and mitigate the impacts of climate change, rather than respond to emergencies when they happen; and

WHEREAS, studies show the feasibility of creating a 100% carbon free energy system, while creating jobs and improving public health; an

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glassboro, County of Gloucester, and State of New Jersey urges the state of NJ to establish a renewable portfolio standard (RPS) with a goal of 100% renewable energy and transportation by 2035 and a halt to all new fossil fuel energy projects in the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The RPS must only contain safe, clean energy such as wind, solar, geothermal and tidal energy sources, not greenhouse gas emitting sources such as burning animal waste, biomass, garbage or false solutions that continue reliance on fossil fuels like pollution trading, carbon capture and sequestration (CCS), gas power plants or pollution trading; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Policies must be enacted to support the development of distributed renewable energy, including those that support energy efficiency, retail net metering of electricity, community choice aggregation and community solar; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Emissions reductions must happen everywhere, and reductions must be prioritized in environmental justice communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: There must be meaningful participation of community members most affected by policy and infrastructure, in the development and implementation of a clean energy plan. Special efforts must be made to engage communities that are underrepresented in the decision-making process such as Indigenous groups, low-income communities, people of color, immigrants, and those disproportionately burdened by pollution; and

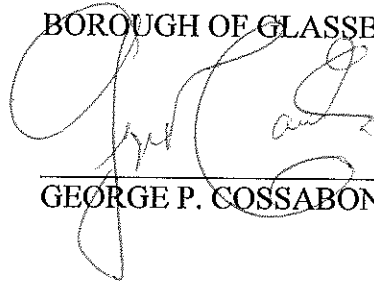
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: As we transition to a 100% clean energy system, we must transition workers from jobs in the fossil fuel industry to living wage union jobs that support energy efficiency and the development of a renewable energy system. A just transition will include job training programs and relocation assistance that prioritize workers in displaced industries and those living in environmental justice communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the federal government and the state must

provide grants and resources to support municipal, county, state and regional efforts to meet the goal of 100% renewable energy.

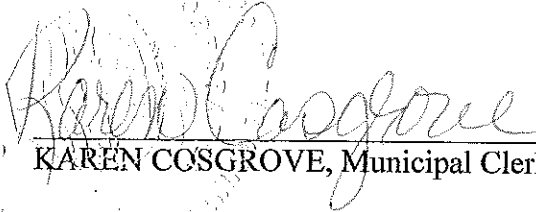
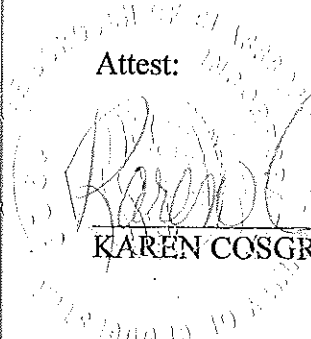
ADOPTED at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glassboro, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey held on Thursday, March 1, 2018.

BOROUGH OF GLASSBORO



GEORGE P. COSSABONE, SR., Acting Mayor

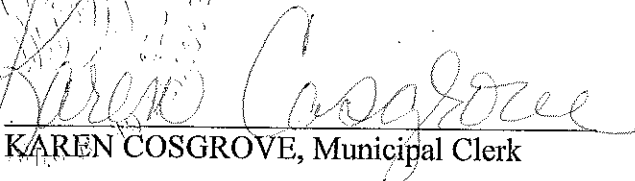
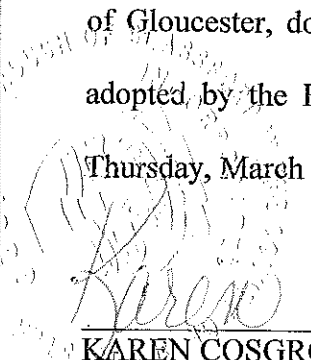
Attest:



KAREN COSGROVE, Municipal Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Karen Cosgrove, Municipal Clerk, of the Borough of Glassboro, in the County of Gloucester, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Borough Council at a meeting of the Borough of Glassboro held on Thursday, March 1, 2018.



KAREN COSGROVE, Municipal Clerk