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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOAL OF  
100 PERCENT CLEAN ENERGY FOR THE CITY OF PORTLAND IN 2040**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Portland’s municipal government desires to promote the public health and safety of its residents, including their access to clean air, clean water, and a livable environment; and

**WHEREAS**, energy resources we utilize as a municipal government and community significantly affect public health and safety, and can enhance or degrade the economic and social well-being of current and future residents; and

**WHEREAS**, there is scientific consensus regarding the reality of climate change and the connection between human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases, and the warming of the planet making, in one nearby example, the Gulf of Maine one of the world’s fastest warming bodies of water; and

**WHEREAS**, Portlanders are already feeling the effects of climate change locally through increased temperatures, changes in water systems, extreme weather events like drought and flooding, sea level rise, threatened fisheries, and other disruptions that threaten our economy, our residents, and our overall quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, emissions from electricity generation and transportation are the largest component of community carbon inventories for Portland; and

**WHEREAS**, the transition to a low-carbon community reliant on the efficient use of clean energy resources and electrified transportation will provide a range of benefits including renewed air quality, enhanced public health, increased national and energy security, local green jobs, reduced reliance on finite resources, and myriad other positive outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, Portland is committed to helping facilitate this transition alongside other national and international communities that have prioritized addressing climate change by investing in clean energy to enhance the well-being of current and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Portland City Council Sustainability and Transportation Committee desires to amend and revamp the 2008 Municipal Climate Action Plan for the City of Portland, and to prepare a plan to get Portland to 100 percent clean energy by 2040;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Portland City Council and Mayor, that the City will set the goal of transitioning to 100 percent clean energy for municipal operations by 2040, with specific annual milestones to meet these goals; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sustainability and Transportation Committee, as a part of its work on the amendment and revamping of the 2008 Municipal Climate Action Plan will create a plan to achieve the 2040 goal.