

**TOWNSHIP OF SCIO
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION 2022-11**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND SETTING GOALS FOR A JUST
TRANSITION TO ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

At a Regular meeting of the Township Board of Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held at Scio Township Hall, 827 N Zeeb Road, in said Township, on July 26, 2022, at 7 pm.

Members Present: Flintoft, Jerome, Knol, Palmer, Hathaway, McLaughlin
Members Absent: Courteau

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee Jerome, supported by Trustee Knol.

WHEREAS, the threat of climate change has been recognized and described by scientists and world leaders, as shown by the passage of the 2016 Paris Agreement and the 2021 UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), in which 196 nations, including the US, agreed to adopt measures to limit greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in order to slow and eventually stop climate change, transitioning global societies to a just and sustainable way of life; and

WHEREAS, without such action, the world faces an increasingly warmer climate with accompanying severe weather events, including flooding and droughts, rising sea levels, and the unleashing of a mass extinction event; and

WHEREAS, in light of these international agreements and direct evidence that these problems are impacting our nation, state, and region, our federal and state governments have committed to reducing GHG emissions to net zero no later than 2050, and Washtenaw County has committed to doing the same by 2035; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the impact of climate change falls more heavily on economically disadvantaged and other vulnerable populations than on other individuals, requiring a focus on a just and equitable approach to addressing the issues surrounding it; and

WHEREAS, Scio Township seeks to create and maintain a just, viable, and sustainable community in all of its actions, including this transition; and

WHEREAS, the Scio Township Planning Commission appointed an Environmental Sustainability Task Force on July 26, 2021, to formulate specific sustainability and climate goals related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, carbon neutrality, and resiliency, and to help it develop an overall Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action Plan;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scio Township Board of Trustees joins with Washtenaw County and many municipalities throughout our nation in acknowledging that we are facing a climate emergency which demands our speedy and careful attention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Scio Township commits itself to a just transition to net zero GHG emissions due to township operations no later than 2030, and to the same goal through all sectors of the township by 2035; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Scio Township commits to taking a leadership role in addressing climate change outside its own borders through sharing of experiences, learnings, and ideas with other municipalities in the interest of teamwork to address a worldwide climate emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees directs the Planning Commission to develop an Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action Plan, which will set goals, recommendations, and strategies for meeting these GHG reduction goals, with the assistance of its Environmental Sustainability Task Force by spring of 2023, with continued revisions at five-year intervals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Scio Township commits to a focus on the concepts of social equity, health and wellness, and public engagement and education as it pursues this transition; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Scio Township joins with Washtenaw County, the State of Michigan, the United States, and the rest of the world in this mobilization effort, calling upon these same governments, as well as organizations and people everywhere, to bring their best efforts to bear as we address the problems of climate change together.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES: Flintoft, Hathaway, McLaughlin, Palmer, Knol, Jerome

NO: None

ABSENT: Courteau

ABSTAIN: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Jessica M. Flintoft, Clerk
Scio Township

DATED: July 26, 2022

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessica Flintoft, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Scio Township, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on July 26, 2022, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Jessica M. Flintoft, Clerk
Scio Township

DATED: September 19, 2022