RESOLUTION NO. 2019-12R

A RESOLUTION OF IVINS CITY, UTAH REGARDING AIR QUALITY AND CLEAN ENERGY

WHEREAS, many people choose to live in Ivins because of the superior quality of life, moderate climate, open space, magnificent scenery and vistas, clean air, opportunities for outdoor recreation, and balance of environmental and economic stewardship policies that protect natural resources; and

WHEREAS, our population will continue to grow, which will increase our demand for energy, which will in turn increase emissions that would pose a concern to our area's economic prosperity, water supply and overall livability and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, maintaining air quality is critical to the health of the residents and the prosperity of the businesses in our cities and county; and

WHEREAS, we support the 2018 state resolution HCR 007 which acknowledges the impacts of energy emissions, encourages their reduction, urges the prioritization and coordination of the our tremendous free market resources to address those impacts, and encourages environmental stewardship consistent with Utah values while simultaneously fostering economic stewardship; and

WHEREAS, technological advancements in clean energy development, utilization and storage have made it possible for communities to plan for local clean energy generation and increased energy self-sufficiency, independence and reliability; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Ivins value solving problems locally and empowering individuals to address challenges, and have an interest in the long-term economic viability of our growing community balanced with and supported by environmental stewardship and the goals and values of the city; and

WHEREAS, local governments are responsible for safeguarding the economic well-being of the community through prudent management of resources, supporting growing businesses like tourism and outdoor recreation, supporting local technology and business opportunities for clean energy development, and reducing potential risks to growth opportunities posed by the impacts of energy emissions; and

WHEREAS, our city has abundant solar resources; and

WHEREAS, advancement in renewable energy technology have made renewable energy economically viable and more cost effective than traditional energy; and

WHEREAS, we support the economic opportunities offered by local renewable energy with the benefits of increased high-skilled jobs and tax revenue from energy-producing properties, as well as encouraging local entrepreneurship and innovation;

THEREFORE, WE RESOLVE to work collaboratively with other local governments, utilities within the county and energy stakeholders to seek mutually beneficial relationships that increase our utilization

of clean energy and energy efficiency, lower our dependence on non-renewable sources of energy and increase our self-sufficiency.

THEREFORE, WE RESOLVE to encourage businesses and contractors in Ivins City to use sustainable practices and pursue energy efficiency, including the use of sustainability measures in building practices and procurement process when hiring contractors for the development of roads and government facilities.

LASTLY, WE FURTHER RESOLVE to participate in a task force composed of local government representatives, non-government organizations, utilities, businesses and citizens with the mission to investigate how local governments in the county, businesses and citizens, could act to reduce emissions.

Severability. If any section, clause, or portion of this resolution is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE IVINS CITY COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, ON THIS _____ DAY OF APRIL, 2019 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

	AYE	**NAY**	**ABSTAIN**	**ABSENT**
Dennis Mehr	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cheyne McDonald	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jenny Johnson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Miriah Elliott	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ron Densley	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Chris Hart, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kari Jimenez
City Recorder