

ORLEANS PARISH DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolution 17-1

New Orleans, Louisiana: _____, 2017

RESOLUTION URGING LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT LOCAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL EFFORTS TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE, BUILD A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY, AND SECURE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

WHEREAS, The City of New Orleans is one of the most vulnerable cities in the United States to the impacts of climate change, due to its low elevation, land subsidence rates, sea level rise, and prediction of more intense weather events; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Orleans, as well as many other cities across the country, have suffered loss of life and billions of dollars of damage to property and infrastructure due to catastrophic climate events; and

WHEREAS, Ambitious, immediate action across our economy is necessary to cut carbon pollution and other greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, The United States ratified the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in 2016 available at http://unfccc.int/paris_agreement/items/9485.php; and

WHEREAS, The City of New Orleans has adopted a Climate Action Strategy to limit our contribution to global climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Plan for the 21st Century, otherwise known as the Master Plan for the City of New Orleans set forth goals for Green Infrastructure, Environmental Quality and Resilience available at <http://www.nola.gov/city-planning/master-plan/> and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party has adopted a platform to combat climate change, build a clean energy economy, and secure environmental justice available at <https://www.democrats.org/party-platform#environment> and incorporated herein by reference; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ORLEANS PARISH DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE adopts the recommendations by the Democratic Party, the New Orleans Climate Action Strategy and Plan for the 21st Century and urges local, state and federal officials

representing the Parish of Orleans and City of New Orleans to support, implement and carry out the recommendations therein and to support the continued compliance with the Paris Climate Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an official copy of the Resolution to prepared and delivered to delivered to the offices of the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, all members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation, the Office of the Governor of Louisiana, the Speaker Pro Tempore of the Louisiana House of Representatives, the Mayor of the City of New Orleans, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, the Director of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Chair of the Louisiana Democratic Party, and the Chair of the Louisiana Republican Party.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS CONSIDERED BY THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE BY ELECTRONIC MAIL AS AUTHORIZED BY BYLAWS SECTION XV.D AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS _____ AND MOVED TO THE FULL COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS _____.