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**WHEREAS**, the greenhouse effect is well-understood: carbon dioxide and other gasses in the atmosphere absorb infrared radiation and trap it as heat, like glass in a greenhouse; and

**WHEREAS**, the last ten years have had the hottest global-average temperatures since pre-industrial times; and

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary-General of the United Nations recently urged nations to reduce emissions “to avoid the worst of climate chaos”; and

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1       **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany has pledged to advance climate action and adaptation  
2 through its City Council Strategic Plan and its Climate Action and Adaptation Plan,  
3 committing to 70% emission reductions by 2035 and net zero emissions by 2045; and  
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5       **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany is required by Policy CON-3.2 and 3.3 of its General  
6 Plan to prioritize climate concerns in its planning decisions and resident outreach efforts; and  
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8       **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany has encouraged its residents to reduce carbon dioxide  
9 emissions associated with their use of electricity by making, as the default option, a zero-  
10 emission supply offered by Ava Community Energy; and  
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12       **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany requests immediate action by residents to transition  
13 away from natural gas heating and fossil-fueled transportation as quickly as possible, and the  
14 City will support this transition by all means available; and  
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16       **WHEREAS**, the City of Albany recognizes the need for community-led climate action,  
17 prioritizing broad community engagement in shaping a sustainable future; and  
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19       **WHEREAS**, the youth of Albany, inheriting a changing climate, play a vital role in  
20 climate advocacy, emphasizing the need for intergenerational leadership in climate action.  
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22       **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Albany,  
23 California, hereby declares that a climate emergency threatens our City, region, state, nation,  
24 humanity, and the natural world; and  
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26       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Albany City Council endorses and commits  
27 to participating in climate action and adaptation efforts at the local, regional, state, national,  
28 and global levels, focusing on emission reduction and the widespread elimination of fossil  
29 fuels; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Albany City Council will set policy and assign resources through the lens of climate action, coordinating across departments and functions to ensure an effective, timely transition off of fossil fuels in keeping with our Climate Action Plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Albany will continue to foster community collaboration in climate initiatives, prioritizing inclusive, equitable, resilient, and sustainable solutions for all residents.

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JOHN MIKI, MAYOR