RESOLUTION NO. 10-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world’s leading climate scientists that climate change, caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities, is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of climate change include, but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (e.g. droughts and floods), adverse impacts on ecosystems, demographic patterns and economic value chains; and

WHEREAS, responding to climate change provides communities an opportunity to access first mover advantage in the range of products, services and know-how that transitioning to a climate-compatible future brings; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement resulted in a commitment from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE:

Indicates its commitment to reducing GHG emissions through an implementation of a Climate Action Plan; and

Joins other US cities in the Climate Mayors network in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement; and

Commits to exploring the potential benefits and costs of adopting policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of GHG emissions reduction while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action.