

RESOLUTION NO. 23 OF 2019

A Joint Resolution of the Salt Lake City Council and Mayor
Establishing a Community Renewable Energy Goal for Salt Lake City

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City municipal government is responsible to promote the public health and safety of its residents, including access to clean air, clean water and a livable environment; and

WHEREAS, energy resources we utilize as a municipal government and community significantly impact public health and safety, including the economic and social well-being of current and future residents; and

WHEREAS, there is scientific consensus regarding the reality of climate change and the connection between human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases, and warming of the planet; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City is already feeling the effects of climate change locally through increased temperatures, changes in water systems, extreme weather events and other disruptions that threaten our economy, residents and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the transition to a low-carbon community reliant on the efficient use of renewable energy resources and electrified transportation will provide a range of benefits including improved air quality, enhanced public health, increased national and energy security, local green jobs, reduced reliance on finite resources and myriad other positive outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City is committed to helping facilitate this transition alongside other national and international communities that have prioritized addressing climate change by investing in clean energy to enhance the well-being of current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, emissions from electricity generation are the largest component of both the municipal and community carbon inventories for Salt Lake City, making up more than 50% of all greenhouse gas emissions from both footprints; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City has renegotiated its franchise agreement with its electric provider and has a related Cooperation Statement detailing our collaborative approach to achieve energy goals; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City adopted a resolution stating certain commitments including its goal for 100% renewable energy for the City's community electricity supply by 2032; and

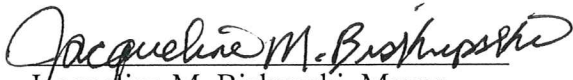
WHEREAS, the Utah Legislature adopted the Community Renewable Energy Act, Utah Code §§54-17-901 to -909 (the "Act") to enable development of community renewable energy programs; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires a municipality to adopt a resolution no later than December 31, 2019 that states a goal of achieving an amount equivalent to 100% of the annual electric energy supply for participating customers from renewable energy resources by 2030;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Salt Lake City Council and Mayor as follows:

1. Renewable Energy Goals: 100% Renewable Electricity by 2030. Salt Lake City hereby commits to a community goal of achieving an amount equivalent to 100% of the annual electric energy supply for participating customers from renewable energy resources by 2030.

Passed and Adopted this 27 day of August, 2019.


Jacqueline M. Biskupski, Mayor
Salt Lake City Mayor


Charlie Luke, Chair
Salt Lake City Council Member

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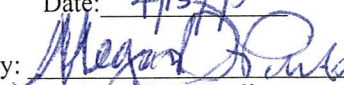

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