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**RESOLUTION APPROVING A GOAL OF 100% CLEAN RENEWABLE
ENERGY BY 2050 AND CREATION OF GREEN JOBS**

WHEREAS, all communities in North Carolina and across the United States are being impacted by climate change which causes more frequent extreme weather-related events, such as intense heat waves, prolonged droughts, spread of infectious diseases, rising sea levels, flooding, ocean acidification, and wildfires, disproportionately affecting low-income families and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, evidence points to widespread health and economic crises due to climate change and the COVID19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, municipalities in North Carolina incur large and unpredictable costs in mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, national, statewide, and local policies are necessary to reduce climate risk; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Governor Roy Cooper signed Executive Order-80, “North Carolina’s Commitment to Address Climate Change and Transition to a Clean Energy Economy,” which states that North Carolina will honor the 2015 Paris Agreement goals and the state’s commitment to the United State Climate Alliance, and requires the state to reduce its GHG emissions to 40% below 2005 levels by 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Winston-Salem has committed to adopt, honor, and uphold the goals of the Paris Climate Accord, and re-established the Community Sustainability Program Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of
Winston-Salem commits to the following:

1. Incorporate energy conservation measures to reduce GHG emissions for buildings and vehicle fleets where feasible, with a target of 40% reduction by 2025;
2. Strive to utilize 50% clean and renewable energy for its buildings and vehicle fleets where feasible by 2030, with a complete transition to 100% clean and renewable in all operations by 2050;
3. Develop programs to assist vulnerable communities in reducing their energy costs and increasing their neighborhoods' environmental quality of living;
4. Promote green job training, job creation, and economic growth;
5. An annual report provided to the City Council shall indicate whether:
 - a. The City is on track to achieve the energy efficiency and renewable energy transition goals established in this resolution;
 - b. Adequate funding has been allocated by the City Council to fund such projects.