

**TOWN OF LYONS, COLORADO
RESOLUTION 2021-105**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LYONS, COLORADO DECLARING A CLIMATE CRISIS
AND ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF LYONS'S COMMITMENT TO TAKING ACTION TO
ADDRESS THIS CLIMATE CRISIS WHICH IS IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, in April 2016 world leaders from 175 Countries came together in Paris, France and, supported with conclusive scientific data forecasting that every region of the world will be adversely impacted by human induced climate change unless global temperatures can be held to no more than 2°C (3.6°F) above pre-industrial levels; pledged in unity to pursue efforts to limit temperature increases to 1.5°C (2.7°F); and

WHEREAS, in August 2021 the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (“IPCC”) noted that the rising global temperatures were accelerating at a pace even greater than previous forecasts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lyons, it’s residents and businesses have first-hand experienced the health, economic, and home-loss impacts of human-induced climate change as demonstrated by the September 2013 flood and October 2020 Cal-Wood and Lefthand Canyon wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the summer of 2021 brought adverse air quality conditions from wildfires within the front range as well as state-wide; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lyons and much of Colorado has recently been burdened by a persistent drought, frequent extreme heat events, catastrophic wildfires, species stress, increased levels of air pollution, and temperatures; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lyons attracts residents and visitors alike with its natural amenities and scenic splendor and is impacted by the changing climate; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lyons 2021 Comprehensive Plan, 2015 Environmental Sustainability Action Plan (updated in 2019), and other public facing pledges by the Town of Lyons commits the Town to an environmentally sustainable path forward; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Colorado in 2019 passed House Bill 19-261, the Climate Action Plan to Reduce Pollution (“Climate Action Plan”), which set science-based statewide GHG reduction goals of 26% by 2025, 50% by 2030, and 90% by 2050 from 2005 levels; and

WHEREAS, to stay within 1.5°C (2.7° F), per the IPCC, communities, towns, cities, states, and nations throughout the world will need to significantly reduce their per capita GHG emissions by 2030 or earlier; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lyons shall join other communities in Boulder County, the State of Colorado, the United States, and industrialized nations world-wide in setting goals, developing strategies, and implementing actions that will significantly reduce its per capita GHG emissions by 2030.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LYONS, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated by reference.

Section 2. The Lyons Board of Trustees hereby:

a. Proclaims that a climate crisis exists that poses a serious and urgent threat to the well-being of the Town and its residents, businesses, economy, and environment.

b. Further proclaims that it is the intent of the Town to take appropriate action to address this climate crisis and to do its part to reach the State of Colorado's carbon reduction goals.

c. Acknowledges that through actions to address this climate crisis there may be consequences to its citizens and businesses, but the near and long-term benefits of a just and equitable transition to clean energy and a sustainable society will persist and are critical to the planet.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.

TOWN OF LYONS, COLORADO

By: _____
Nicholas Angelo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dolores M. Vasquez, CMC - Town Clerk