

**CITY OF WEST ST. PAUL
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 19-

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ENDORSEMENT OF CARBON PRICING BY THE U.S.
CONGRESS**

WHEREAS, the costs of climate change — including destabilized weather patterns, rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and other serious impacts — now pose a substantial threat to the health, prosperity, and security of Americans. Our economy, infrastructure, public safety, and health are directly at risk; and

WHEREAS, there is no financial penalty for adding to the carbon pollution that drives climate change. As long as carbon pollution remains free, the true costs of fossil fuels will be hidden and may appear cheaper than low-carbon alternatives, even as they put the long-term health and economic prosperity at risk; and

WHEREAS, prudent action now will be far less costly than the consequences of delayed response, and will create a more stable social and business environment for our nation; and

WHEREAS, And to support the important work of protecting our environment, our City needs cooperation and shared leadership from federal, state, and local agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the West St. Paul City Council urges Congress to support measures that will:

- Acknowledge that climate change is a serious threat and that action needs to be taken to sustain our habitable planet.
- Incentivize methods and programs to aid in carbon sequestration and to assist with the overall reduction of carbon in the atmosphere.
- Impose a price on carbon pollution sufficient to reduce emissions in line with objectives detailed in the 2015 Paris Agreement.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of West St. Paul, Minnesota, this 12th day of November 2019.

Attest:

David J. Napier, Mayor

Shirley R Buecksler, City Clerk