

Resolution In Support Of Federal Climate Justice Legislation

WHEREAS, an October 2018 United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report says we have only until 2030, to limit devastating global warming and avoid a climate change catastrophe;

WHEREAS, the October 2018 IPCC report also makes clear that every bit of warming matters, so every fraction of a degree less of warming will save lives and pay dividends across the world's economies;

WHEREAS, the world is already experiencing serious, costly, and increasing impacts from climate change, including more intense storms, unprecedented flooding and persistent wildfires;

WHEREAS, an inadequate response to climate change will increase economic and environmental disruptions. These include, but are not limited to: severe storms, longer and hotter heat waves, worsening flood and drought cycles, growing invasive species and insect problems, accelerated species extinction rates, rising sea levels, increased wildfires, and a dramatic increase in refugees from climate impacted lands.

WHEREAS, the most negative impacts of climate change are generally falling on underrepresented frontline communities, including lower-income communities and communities of color, which are least equipped to adapt to these impacts.

WHEREAS, doing what is now necessary to adequately address the climate crisis requires a national mobilization of a scope and scale that is a historic opportunity to create millions of jobs and address social and economic inequities;

WHEREAS, federal legislation devoted to urgent climate justice action will stimulate economic development, produce a strong workforce, increase access to clean air and water, restore natural habitats, and reduce pollution;

WHEREAS, local governments calling for the federal government to pass climate justice legislation will demonstrate widespread popular support for necessary and just climate action;

WHEREAS, federal legislation of this scope and caliber will advance Town of Lewisboro initiatives to more fully realize its conservation and climate action goals.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lewisboro Town Board calls on the federal government to pass climate justice legislation that meets the following goals:

- Dramatically expand existing renewable power sources and deploy new production capacity with the goal of meeting 100% of national power demand through renewable sources;
- Reach a target of net-zero carbon emissions;
- Provide all members of our society the opportunity, training and education to be a full and equal participant in the transition, and ensure that workers have the necessary tools, opportunities, and assistance to succeed during the energy transition;
- Ensure a 'just transition' which seeks to address inequality for all workers and front-line communities most affected by climate change, pollution, and other environmental harm.