

**MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21177**

BY: Commissioner Gwen Markham, District #9; Yolanda Charles, District #17

**IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – ENDORSEMENT OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION GOALS AND CREATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY EVALUATION STANDARDS**

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS Oakland County seeks to preserve, protect, and enhance the quality of life for those who live, work, and play in our communities, as well as for future generations; and

WHEREAS there is overwhelming consensus among the world's climate scientists that anthropogenic climate change is happening and caused by emissions from human activities; and

WHEREAS Oakland County is strongly committed to the principle of environment sustainability and shall pursue these objectives through the adoption of policies and budget priorities that reflect these values; and

WHEREAS the Oakland County Board of Commissioners declared their commitment to a countywide mobilization effort to address the climate emergency with the adoption of Miscellaneous Resolution (MR) #19367 "Resolution Acknowledging a Climate Emergency and Creating an Energy and Environment Infrastructure Plan in Oakland County"; and

WHEREAS MR #19367 also established the Board's commitment to develop a countywide Energy and Environmental Infrastructure Plan to respond to the climate emergency; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners have re-asserted their commitment to these objectives and the development of a comprehensive climate emergency plan through the approval of County Executive Coulter's request for funding for the development of a county campus sustainability plan and the creation of the position of Oakland County Sustainability Officer; and

WHEREAS County Executive Coulter has announced a commitment that Oakland County shall meet zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050; and

WHEREAS President Biden recently accelerated the nation's emission reduction objectives with the announcement of a pledge to reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030; and

WHEREAS the Administration has announced plans to request funding for the development a countywide Climate Action Plan later this year; and

WHEREAS a Climate Action Plan is expected to include recommendations of key performance indicators to measure the success of county initiatives in meeting climate and environmental objectives; and

WHEREAS the establishment of environmental impact evaluation standards and practices would ensure that new programs, capital investments and budget priorities are viewed through the lens of meeting Oakland County's commitment to greenhouse emission reductions and environmental sustainability.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby affirms and endorses County Executive Coulter's commitment to reach net zero carbon emissions in Oakland County by 2050.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses President Biden's pledge to reduce United States carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 and supports the inclusion of this objective as a goal for Oakland County.

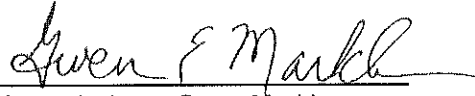
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in furtherance of these objectives, the Board of Commissioners calls upon the County Administration to collaborate in the establishment of environmental impact evaluation standards and practices to be utilized in the assessment of public policy proposals, capital improvement investments and the development of budget priorities and plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners commits to an annual review and assessment of progress in meeting the County's climate and environmental sustainability plans and objectives during the month of April.

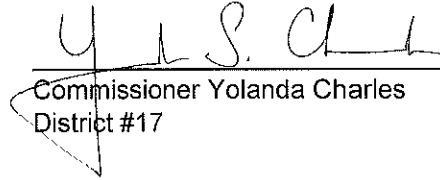
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds is requested to forward copies of this adopted resolution to the Director or Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the Michigan Association of Counties, the North Oakland Branch of the NAACP, Michigan Clean Water Action, Oakland County Sunrise Movement, Sierra Club, Transportation Riders United, Mom's Clean Air Force, Michigan Climate Action Network, Michigan

League of Conservation Voters, Rochester Riders and all cities, villages and townships located in Oakland County.

Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.



Commissioner Gwen Markham  
District #9



Commissioner Yolanda Charles  
District #17

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The Chairperson referred the resolution to the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee. There were no objections.

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Moved by Miller seconded by Charles the resolution be adopted.

Discussion followed.

Vote on resolution:

AYES: Jackson, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Nelson, Powell, Woodward, Cavell, Charles, Gershenson. (11)

NAYS: Gingell, Hoffman, Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn, Moss, Weipert. (8)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION TO BECOME EFFECTIVE  
WITHOUT COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
SIGNATURE.**

STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Lisa Brown, Clerk of the County of Oakland, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on May 13, 2021, with the original record thereof now remaining in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Circuit Court at Pontiac, Michigan this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.



Lisa Brown, Oakland County