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VILLAGE OF CLAYTON

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RESOLUTION 2023-15

Proposed Action: To Adopt the New York State Climate Smart Communities

At a regular meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Clayton, held at the Village offices, 425 Mary Street, Clayton, New York, on September 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. there were:

PRESENT:

Norma Zimmer, Mayor
Nancy Hyde, Deputy Mayor
Allen Heberling, Trustee
Robert Wierzba, Trustee
Norma Zimmer, Mayor

ABSENT: John Buker, Trustee

The foregoing Resolution no. 2023-15 was offered by Trustee Hyde, and seconded by Trustee Heberling

WHEREAS, the Village of Clayton believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy, and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent, and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Village of Clayton, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, *adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:*

- 1) **Build a climate-smart community.**
- 2) **Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.**
- 3) **Decrease energy use.**
- 4) **Shift to clean, renewable energy.**
- 5) **Use climate-smart materials management.**
- 6) **Implement climate-smart land use.**
- 7) **Enhance community resilience to climate change.**
- 8) **Support a green innovation economy.**
- 9) **Inform and inspire the public.**
- 10) **Engage in an evolving process of climate action.**

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a roll call vote, which resulted as follows:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Norma Zimmer, Mayor	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Nancy Hyde, Deputy Mayor	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Allen Heberling, Trustee	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Robert Wierzba, Trustee	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted September 11th, 2023

I, Joanne Lenhard-Boye, Village Clerk of the Village of Clayton, New York do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this resolution **No. 2023-15** with the original in my possession and that the same is true and complete transcript thereof. I further certify that said resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Village of Clayton Board of Trustees held on the 11th of September 2023.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the Village of Clayton, New York on the 11th day of September 2023.



Joanne Lenhard-Boye, Village Clerk

SEAL