

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH  
RESOLUTION NO. 18-66**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
TO ESTABLISH A RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD (RPS)**

Councilman Taylor offered a motion to table the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, There is broad scientific consensus that Earth's climate is warming and this warming is being caused by human activities that cause the release of greenhouse gases due to use of fossil fuels; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change has far reaching impacts, including increasing likelihood of extreme weather events, sea level rise, flooding, drought, and mass extinctions; and

**WHEREAS**, scientists are warning that we are quickly approaching climate tipping points, unpredictable and irreversible changes in our planet's climate; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change can have a disproportionate and adverse impact on vulnerable populations especially people living in environmental justice communities, people with low-incomes, children, and seniors; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of climate change can cause damage to public parks, roads, municipal properties and equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, co-pollutants from burning fossil fuels create significant respiratory ailments and deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, the provision of basic public services such as water treatment and snow removal can increase with climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, resources for first responders can be strained when climate change related extreme weather events arise; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the costs associated with the impacts of climate change and/or mitigating those impacts will be borne by state and local governments, putting further strain on public budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, it is less expensive to plan for and mitigate the impacts of climate change, rather than respond to emergencies when they happen; and

**WHEREAS**, studies show the feasibility of creating a 100% carbon free energy system, while creating jobs and improving public health; and

**NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank urges the state of New Jersey to establish a renewable portfolio standard (RPS) with a goal of 100% renewable energy and transportation by 2035 and a halt to all new fossil fuel energy projects in the state; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the RPS must only contain safe, clean energy such as wind, solar, geothermal and tidal energy sources, not greenhouse gas emitting sources such as burning animal waste, biomass, garbage or false solutions that continue reliance on fossil fuels like pollution trading, carbon capture and sequestration (CCS), gas power plants or pollution trading; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Policies must be enacted to support the development of distributed renewable energy, including those that support energy efficiency, retail net metering of electricity, community choice aggregation and community solar; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that there must be meaningful participation of community members most affected by policy and infrastructure, in the development and implementation of a clean energy plan. Special efforts must be made to engage communities that are underrepresented in the decision-making process such as Indigenous groups, low-income communities, people of color, immigrants, and those disproportionately burdened by pollution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as we transition to a 100% clean energy system, we must transition workers from jobs in the fossil fuel industry to living wage union jobs that support energy efficiency and the development of a renewable energy system. A just transition will include job training programs and relocation assistance that prioritize workers in displaced industries and those living in environmental justice communities.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the federal government and the state must provide grants and resources to support municipal, county, state and regional efforts to meet the goal of 100% renewable energy.

Seconded by

and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Taylor	( )	( )	( )	( )
Councilman Whelan	( )	( )	( )	( )
Councilman Yngstrom	( )	( )	( )	( )
Councilman Ballard	( )	( )	( )	( )
Councilman Zipprich	( )	( )	( )	( )
Councilwoman Horgan	( )	( )	( )	( )

Dated: March 14, 2018