

Resolution supporting the City of La Crosse's commitment to pursuing clean energy and climate change solutions by joining the Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition (WLGCC) coordinates the efforts of local governments that are pursuing clean energy and climate change solutions in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the WLGCC and its member municipalities work to advance climate change solutions throughout the state, with a focus on economic, health, and equity benefits associated with climate action, which disproportionately affects people of color and low-income citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse has cause for concern regarding the negative impacts of climate change on greater society and within the local community insofar as climate change increases the risk of flooding, extreme weather, public infrastructure damage, and economic loss; and

WHEREAS, some of the strategies employed by the WLGCC include increased funding for energy efficiency, increased clean energy choices, increased data sharing and transparency, increased resource efficiency in new and old buildings, and a state-level plan to retire all coal plants by 2040 and all other fossil fuel generating facilities no later than 2045, amongst many other policy initiatives; and

WHEREAS, addressing climate change requires cooperation and action across all levels and systems and, because La Crosse's involvement in the organization facilitates environmental solutions to benefit its nearly 52,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the WLGCC align with La Crosse's commitment to pursuing environmentally sustainable practices throughout its facilities and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted resolution 19-0471, committing to municipal and citywide carbon neutrality by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the local power utility Xcel Energy has a goal of producing carbon-free energy by 2050; and

WHEREAS, The State of Wisconsin has a goal of 100% carbon-free electricity by 2050, and local governments are important actors to help implement the State's goal and Clean Energy Plan; and

WHEREAS, there are no costs associated with joining the WLGCC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it officially joins the Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that La Crosse is committed to advancing climate change solutions that benefit its residents and all residents in the state of Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Environmental Planner is authorized to serve as the representative of La Crosse and advocate on behalf of the City to support the mission of the Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition.

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*I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on December 9, 2021.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki M. Elsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each name being capitalized and prominent.

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*Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk  
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*