

Town of La Conner



RESOLUTION NO. 570

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LA CONNER TOWN COUNCIL URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT A CARBON PRICING POLICY FOR THE UNITED STATES.

Whereas, it is the responsibility and duty of the Town Council to advocate for state and national policies that will protect all La Conner residents from events that could negatively impact their health, welfare, and safety; and

Whereas, the La Conner Town Council recognizes that climate change is already having an impact in La Conner and threatens natural resources, food security, public health, quality of life, and the economy; and

Whereas, if left unaddressed, the consequences of a changing climate, including increased flooding events, drought, higher temperatures, altered precipitation patterns, increased forest fires, more plant and animal pests and disease, and increased air pollution, will adversely impact all La Conner residents; and

Whereas, impacts of unmitigated climate change can harm key public goods and economic sectors of agriculture, forestry, fisheries, water resources, and human health and impose additional costs on Town budgets and saddle future generations with costly economic and environmental burdens across Washington state and beyond; and

Whereas, the La Conner Town Council recognizes that people and governments need to act to mitigate climate change and its effects; and

Whereas, the urgently needed transition from carbon-based fossil fuels can be accomplished effectively with a market-based program of putting a price on carbon coupled with a provision to alleviate the burden on low-income households.

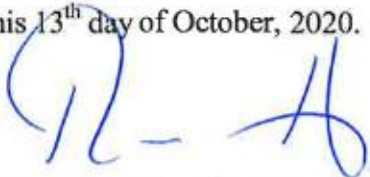
NOW THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LA CONNER DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Town Council urges the United States Congress to enact H.R. 763 and the United States President to sign into law a national, market-based price on carbon based on the best available research to ensure a policy that significantly reduces emissions while mitigating impacts on low-income households, in order to protect the economy and the climate today and for future generations.

SECTION 2. The Town Council encourages other communities to join them in this request for the United States to recognize and address the global problems of carbon dioxide emissions.

SECTION 3. The Town Council directs the Town Finance Director to forward a copy of this resolution to the delegation in the United States Congress representing La Conner, the state legislators representing La Conner, and the Washington governor within 30 days after passage of the resolution.

Approved by vote of the La Conner Town Council this 13th day of October, 2020.




Ramon Hayes, Mayor

ATTEST:



Maria DeGoede, Town Clerk

Approved as to form:



Scott Thomas, Town Attorney