

## RESOLUTION NO. 2583

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN JOINING THE COMPACT OF COLORADO COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, Colorado communities share in common a strong quality of life deeply rooted in the state's vigorous economy, agricultural and environmental resources, and rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Colorado communities, residents and businesses throughout the state are already beginning to feel the impacts of climate change such as reduced snowpack, high heat days, earlier snowmelt runoff, and more frequent and severe floods, droughts and wildfires; and

WHEREAS, Golden seeks to join neighboring cities and counties in developing innovative ways to address climate change, build community resilience and stimulate local economies; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2017, elected officials and senior staff from Colorado cities and counties pledged to present a formal charter to become co-founding members of the Compact of Colorado Communities; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Compact of Colorado Communities is to build capacity of Colorado cities and counties in developing and implementing aggressive climate change and clean energy initiatives thus ensuring the security and economic prosperity of its member communities; and

WHEREAS, the Compact of Colorado Communities will advance climate action and preparedness of its member communities through:

- Providing training and technical support to member communities in developing and delivering community improvement programs advancing GHG reduction, clean energy and climate preparedness;
- Facilitating peer learning and resource sharing between local governments
- Enhancing local government capacity to address climate related risks and opportunities throughout critical decision-making roles;
- Securing technical support and funding resources for members' local implementation efforts;
- Spurring creation of jobs, improving public health and demonstrating bold actions; and
- Advancing statewide preparedness and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the Compact will be governed by a Steering Committee that includes representation from member communities nominating their own elected officials and/or senior staff (the "Steering Committee"); and

WHEREAS, the Compact of Colorado Communities will be administered by staff hired and dedicated to its own mission without conflict of interest; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Climate Change Officers ("ACCO") will act as a temporary fiscal agent for the Compact until such time as the Compact may establish its own organization or has identified a successor organization to serve in that role.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO

Section 1. City Council hereby formally joins the Compact of Colorado Communities, and will adhere to the requirements for all Compact members that are summarized below and accounted for in the Compact's published guidelines.

Section 2. City Council further adopts the Compact's operational rules as follows:

1. Training & Capacity Building

- Commit at least one elected official and assign at least one senior staff member to participate in the annual convening of the Compact.
- Commit leadership and senior staff participation in annual climate change training as referenced in the Compact's published guidelines.

2. Contribution & Funding

- Make an annual contribution to the Compact of \$1,600, and adjusting per the established dues here forward, with the first contribution due by no later than 30 days after the local government's fiscal year start date.
- Encourage staff, as appropriate, to provide non-financial support to the Compact's fundraising efforts to ensure that the Compact has sufficient and sustainable funding to supports its members.

3. Actions

- Establish and publicly announce a new goal or initiative by no later than September 30, 2019 that meets an appropriate aggressiveness threshold to be agreed upon by the Steering Committee in consultation with ACCO and Compact staff.

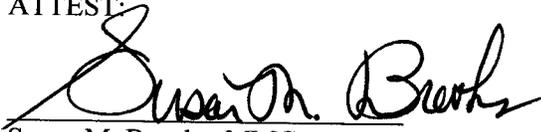
4. Participation

- Assign one elected official and one senior staff person to serve as liaisons and official representatives to the Compact.
- Elected officials will be invited to participate in activities designed and appropriate for elected officials and government leaders (to be held no more frequently than twice annually).
- Staff liaisons will be asked to address administrative issues, process annual contributions, coordinate usage of Compact benefits and participate in Compact-wide meetings (to be held no more frequently than on a quarterly basis).

Adopted the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

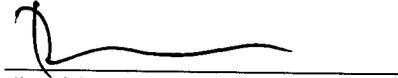
  
Marjorie Sloan  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Susan M. Brooks, MMC  
City Clerk



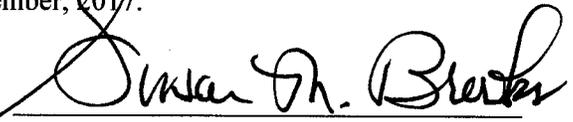
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
David S. Williamson  
City Attorney

I, Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a certain Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Golden, Colorado at a regular business meeting thereof held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.



ATTEST:

  
Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of  
Golden, Colorado

