

**RESOLUTION NO. 2**  
**Series of 2017**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR  
THE EAGLE COUNTY COMMUNITY AND SETTING FORTH DETAILS IN REGARD  
THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, during the year 2016, a group of 30 stakeholders representing local governments, businesses, schools, and nonprofits from throughout Eagle County, has collaboratively worked together to create a community-wide climate action plan to help guide greenhouse gas emission reductions into the future;

**WHEREAS**, the Climate Action Plan for the Eagle County Community recommends greenhouse gas reduction targets and actions that can be integrated with The Town of Vail's other plans, including the Environmental Sustainability Strategic Plan, the Gore Creek Water Quality Improvement Plan, Vail Economic Development Strategic Plan, Comprehensive Open Lands Plan, Transportation Master Plan, Vail Housing 2027 Strategic Plan, and others, and where each of these plans may include opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Vail recognizes that scientific evidence for warming of the earth's climate system from human activities is unequivocal. Combustion of fossil fuels such as coal, petroleum and natural gas is increasing the concentration greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, pushing average global temperatures higher and changing our mountain ecosystems—making winters warmer and shorter, summers longer and hotter, and increasing the risks of wildfires, droughts and floods;

**WHEREAS**, the county-wide 2014 Eagle County Energy Inventory identifies energy sources, uses, and emissions by sector. According to the Inventory, greenhouse gas emissions in the baseline year 2014 totaled 1.4 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e), with 60% of the emissions from commercial uses and residential buildings, 27% from vehicles, 10% from landfill, and 3% from the airport. Community-wide energy costs for the year 2014 were totaled at \$243 million;

**WHEREAS**, adopting the Climate Action Plan for the Eagle County Community will help the Town of Vail ensure a sustainable future by protecting the natural environment and recreational economy, reducing long-term financial expenses, creating more affordable solutions for residents and businesses, and supporting a new post carbon energy economy with less climate pollution and more clean renewable energy;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Vail's Environmental Sustainability Strategic Plan, adopted by the Vail Town Council in 2009, includes Goal #2, "Reduce the Town of Vail municipal and community energy use by 20% below 2006 levels by 2020, in order to effectively reduce the Town's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and impact on global climate change";

**WHEREAS**, the Climate Action Plan for the Eagle County Community (attached) includes: recommended greenhouse gas emission reduction targets of 25% by 2025, and 80% by 2050, and recommended climate action goals and strategies by sector, and key recommendations for community leaders and decision makers to take proactive steps to reduce climate pollution and help create positive solutions for future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VAIL, COLORADO:**

The Town of Vail hereby supports the goals of the Climate Action Plan for the Eagle County Community, and endeavors to meet the recommended greenhouse gas emission reduction targets through ongoing initiatives, and through continuing support and participation in community actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Town of Vail hereby finds, determines and declares that this Resolution is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the residents/constituents of the Town of Vail.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

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David Chapin, Mayor, Town of Vail

ATTEST:

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Patty McKenny, Town Clerk