

**RESOLUTION 23-06**

**TO APPROVE THE “PROJECT 46”  
SOUTHERN INDIANA REGIONAL CLIMATE ALLIANCE**

WHEREAS, carbon pollution is affecting our region and placing at risk the well-being of our current and future residents, infrastructure, and institutions; and

WHEREAS, the cost of increasing floods and extreme heat can be measured in lost lives, diminished economic security, rising food prices, poorer health outcomes, and millions of dollars in disaster relief; and

WHEREAS, regional leadership can more effectively advance progress towards adapting to a changing climate; and

WHEREAS, South-central Indiana regional leadership began meeting in 2022 on this issue, including residents of Bartholomew, Brown, and Monroe Counties; and

WHEREAS, an effective regional response to climate change can be delivered through collaboration between city, public, private, academic, and nonprofit constituencies to develop and implement long-term, effective solutions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA THAT:

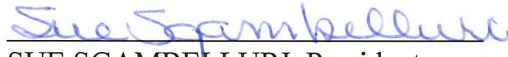
SECTION 1. As elected local leaders, we commit to a regional climate coalition, with at least a three-year starting phase, to identify and pursue solutions that effectively address our shared challenges and embrace as primary goals for the effort that:

- We shall lead by example by tracking and reporting greenhouse gas emissions as communities and as a region;
- We shall seek to coordinate local investments and leverage available state and federal funding opportunities, including, but not limited to, funding available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure and Inflation Reduction Acts;
- We shall engage government, nonprofit, and private sector leadership to advance initiatives, highlight successes and challenges, and promote best practice examples within and across sectors proactively to respond to climate impacts;
- We shall provide an annual community report to demonstrate the activities and impact of these efforts and progress towards shared goals.

SECTION 2. We commit to seek to fund this “Project 46” regional climate coalition through shared public, private, and philanthropic annual support adequate to its mission.

SECTION 3. If any sections, sentences of provisions of this resolution, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions or application of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.


PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 12 day of April, 2023.

  
SUE SGAMBELLURI, President  
Bloomington Common Council

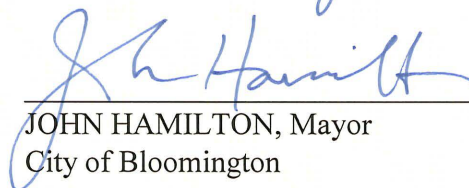
ATTEST:

  
NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 13 day of April, 2023.

  
NICOLE BOLDEN, CLERK  
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me up on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

  
JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

#### SYNOPSIS

This resolution supports Bloomington's participation for at least a 3-year initial timeframe in a regional climate action coalition involving Bartholomew, Brown, and Monroe Counties, with goals including tracking greenhouse gas emissions locally and regionally, reporting annually to the community, and seeking appropriate annual funding through public, private, and philanthropic sources.

Distributed to: Clerk, Council Attorney, Legal, and Mayor.