

PROCLAMATION

IN SUPPORT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ENACTING THE ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT OF 2019

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2017, by Resolution No. 17-579 the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Illinois affirmed Oak Park's commitment to engage states, businesses and other sectors in taking action to achieve the principles and goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and in support of Federal Legislation requiring action to achieve the principles and goals of the Paris Climate Agreement; and

WHEREAS, increases in global average temperatures, the number and intensity of extreme weather events, sea level rise, and the melting of glacial and Arctic ice, indicate that global climate is changing; and

WHEREAS, recent reports by the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the US government indicate that to avoid the worst potential impacts of climate change, urgent action is needed to reduce carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, presently the environmental, health and social costs of carbon emissions are not included in prices paid for fossil fuels, but rather these externalized costs are borne directly and indirectly by all Americans and global citizens; and

WHEREAS, in order to reduce carbon emissions most effectively and efficiently, leading economists recommend a gradually increasing carbon tax on fossil fuels, with the proceeds thereof returned to American households as dividends, and with a border adjustment system to protect the competitiveness of American firms both nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, introduced in the current Congress as H.R. 763, meets all of those criteria and has bipartisan support; and

WHEREAS, competent studies have projected that if such legislation is enacted, it will result in a substantial reduction in carbon emissions as well as increases in GDP and employment; and that the dividends received by most low and moderate-income households

will be more than enough to offset price increases due to the carbon fee;

WHEREAS, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, encourages market-driven innovation of clean energy technologies and market efficiencies which will reduce harmful pollution and leave a healthier, more stable and more prosperous nation for future generations; and

WHEREAS, A national revenue-neutral carbon fee would make the United States a leader in mitigating climate change and in the clean energy technologies of the 21st century and would provide incentive to other countries to enact similar carbon fees, reducing global CO2 emissions without the need for complex international agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Anan Abu-Taleb, President of the Village of Oak Park and the Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the Village's support for the passage of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, H.R. 763 by the United States Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Manager shall forward copies of this Proclamation to all Federal legislators representing the citizens of the Village of Oak.

Dated: February 18, 2020

Anan Abu-Taleb
Village President

ATTEST:

Vicki Scaman
Village Clerk