

56 **WHEREAS**, the City of Gainesville wishes to act as a global leader by both converting to
57 an ecologically, socially, and economically regenerative economy at emergency speed and by
58 catalyzing a unified and coordinated climate emergency mobilization effort; and
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60 **WHEREAS**, the City of Gainesville commits to a Citywide climate emergency
61 mobilization efforts to mitigate climate change, aiming, with appropriate financial and regulatory
62 assistance from Alachua County, the State of Florida, and Federal authorities, as well as
63 ultimately GRU customers and City taxpayers to end Citywide greenhouse-gas emissions as
64 quickly as possible to safely drawdown carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and accelerate
65 adaptation and resilience strategies in preparation for intensifying climate impacts; and
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67 **WHEREAS**, the City of Gainesville further commits to educating its residents about the
68 climate emergency and working to catalyze climate emergency mobilization efforts on local,
69 state, national, and global levels to provide maximum protection for its residents; and
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71 **WHEREAS**, the City of Gainesville understands the need for full community
72 participation, inclusion, and support and recognizes that City residents and community
73 organizations that include faith, youth, labor, academic institutions, homeowners' associations,
74 and a diverse range of civil society institutions will be integral to and in the leadership of the
75 mobilization effort; and
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77 **WHEREAS**, the City of Gainesville further commits to keeping the concerns of
78 vulnerable communities central to climate emergency mobilization efforts and inviting and
79 encouraging such communities to actively participate in order to advocate directly for their
80 needs;
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82 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Gainesville City Commission declares that
83 a climate and ecological emergency threatens our city, region, state, nation, civilization,
84 humanity and the natural world; and
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86 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, The Gainesville City Commission urges the State of
87 Florida and the United States Government to declare a climate emergency, and requests
88 regional collaboration on an immediate emergency mobilization effort to restore a safe climate;
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91 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Gainesville City Commission commits to engaging
92 our residents in public deliberations on the climate emergency, with the creation of the
93 Gainesville City Climate Mobilization Action Plan in order to accomplish this city-wide climate
94 mobilization effort and to ensure a just transition with the full democratic participation of the
95 residents of Gainesville; and
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97 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Gainesville City Commission directs the City
98 Manager and General Manager for the Utility to report back within 90 days on the establishment
99 of a Climate Emergency Mobilization Task Force, with duties to oversee a city-wide mobilization
100 effort, with all necessary powers to coordinate City climate and environment programs including
101 the development of a 10-year "Climate Mobilization Action Plan" to guide the climate emergency
102 response, as well as all climate mitigation, resilience, adaptation, engagement, education,
103 advocacy, and research and development programs; and

104 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Gainesville City Commission directs the Clerk of the
105 Commission to send a copy of this Resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of
106 Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, each Florida Senator and
107 Representative in the United States Congress, the Commissioners of Alachua County and to
108 the Mayors of all municipalities within Alachua County.
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This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of December, 2019



Lauren Poe
Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form and legality:



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