

1 City of Gainesville Resolution Supporting HR 109 Commonly Known as the Green  
2 New Deal

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4 Resolution No. 180965

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6 **A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, imploring the**  
7 **U.S. Congress to pass House Resolution 109 and create a Green New Deal**  
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9 **Whereas**, the City Commission of the City of Gainesville acknowledges and concurs with the  
10 overwhelming scientific research attributing climate change to human activity in the past  
11 century, and  
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13 **Whereas** climate change, pollution, and environmental destruction have exacerbated systemic  
14 racial, regional, social, environmental, and economic injustices by disproportionately affecting  
15 indigenous peoples, communities of color, migrant communities, deindustrialized communities,  
16 depopulated rural communities, the poor, low-income workers, women, the elderly, the  
17 unhoused, people with disabilities, and youth, and

18 **Whereas** the City of Gainesville and GRU is a leader in environmental sustainability practices,  
19 tree canopy protection, water quality protection, and

20 **Whereas** the City Commission of the City of Gainesville is pursuing a Zero Waste initiative, and

21 **Whereas**, the City Commission of the City of Gainesville has passed a resolution committing to  
22 pursue 100% renewable energy use by 2045, and

23 **Whereas**, climate change constitutes a direct threat to the national security of the United States,  
24 and

25 **Whereas**, the City Commission of the City of Gainesville believes the crisis of climate change  
26 must be dealt with on an international scale, and

27 **Whereas**, the City Commission of the City of Gainesville believes it is the duty of the United  
28 States government to lead on climate change solutions in the international community.

29 **Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida-**

30 **Implores** the United States Congress to adopt HR 109 Recognizing the duty of the Federal  
31 Government to create a Green New Deal-

32 (A) to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions through a fair and just transition  
33 for all communities and workers;

34 (B) to create millions of good, high-wage jobs and ensure prosperity and economic  
35 security for all people of the United States;

36 (C) to invest in the infrastructure and industry of the United States to sustainably  
37 meet the challenges of the 21st century;

38 (D) to secure for all people of the United States for generations to come-

39 (i) clean air and water;

40 (ii) climate and community resiliency;

41 (iii) healthy food;

42 (iv) access to nature; and

43 (v) a sustainable environment; and

44 (E) to promote justice and equity by stopping current, preventing future, and  
45 repairing historic oppression of indigenous peoples, communities of color, migrant  
46 communities, deindustrialized communities, depopulated rural communities, the poor,  
47 low-income workers, women, the elderly, the unhoused, people with disabilities, and  
48 youth (referred to in this resolution as "frontline and vulnerable communities");

49 (2) the goals described in subparagraphs (A) through (E) of paragraph (1) (referred to in  
50 this resolution as the "Green New Deal goals") should be accomplished through a 10-year  
51 national mobilization (referred to in this resolution as the "Green New Deal mobilization")  
52 that will require the following goals and projects-

53 (A) building resiliency against climate change-related disasters, such as extreme  
54 weather, including by leveraging funding and providing investments for community-  
55 defined projects and strategies;

56 (B) repairing and upgrading the infrastructure in the United States, including-

57 (i) by eliminating pollution and greenhouse gas emissions as much as  
58 technologically feasible;

59 (ii) by guaranteeing universal access to clean water;

60 (iii) by reducing the risks posed by climate impacts; and

61 (iv) by ensuring that any infrastructure bill considered by Congress addresses  
62 climate change;

63 (C) meeting 100 percent of the power demand in the United States through clean,  
64 renewable, and zero-emission energy sources, including-

65 (i) by dramatically expanding and upgrading renewable power sources; and

66 (ii) by deploying new capacity;

67 (D) building or upgrading to energy-efficient, distributed, and "smart" power grids,  
68 and ensuring affordable access to electricity;

69 (E) upgrading all existing buildings in the United States and building new buildings  
70 to achieve maximum energy efficiency, water efficiency, safety, affordability, comfort,  
71 and durability, including through electrification;

72 (F) spurring massive growth in clean manufacturing in the United States and  
73 removing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from manufacturing and industry as  
74 much as is technologically feasible, including by expanding renewable energy  
75 manufacturing and investing in existing manufacturing and industry;

76 (G) working collaboratively with farmers and ranchers in the United States to  
77 remove pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from the agricultural sector as much as  
78 is technologically feasible, including-

79 (i) by supporting family farming;

80 (ii) by investing in sustainable farming and land use practices that increase soil  
81 health; and

82 (iii) by building a more sustainable food system that ensures universal access  
83 to healthy food;

84 (H) overhauling transportation systems in the United States to remove pollution  
85 and greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector as much as is  
86 technologically feasible, including through investment in-

87 (i) zero-emission vehicle infrastructure and manufacturing;

88 (ii) clean, affordable, and accessible public transit; and

89 (iii) high-speed rail;

90 (I) mitigating and managing the long-term adverse health, economic, and other  
91 effects of pollution and climate change, including by providing funding for community-  
92 defined projects and strategies;

93 (J) removing greenhouse gases from the atmosphere and reducing pollution by  
94 restoring natural ecosystems through proven low-tech solutions that increase soil carbon  
95 storage, such as land preservation and afforestation;

96 (K) restoring and protecting threatened, endangered, and fragile ecosystems  
97 through locally appropriate and science-based projects that enhance biodiversity and  
98 support climate resiliency;

99 (L) cleaning up existing hazardous waste and abandoned sites, ensuring economic  
100 development and sustainability on those sites;

101 (M) identifying other emission and pollution sources and creating solutions to  
102 remove them; and

103 (N) promoting the international exchange of technology, expertise, products,  
104 funding, and services, with the aim of making the United States the international leader  
105 on climate action, and to help other countries achieve a Green New Deal;

106 (3) a Green New Deal must be developed through transparent and inclusive  
107 consultation, collaboration, and partnership with frontline and vulnerable communities,  
108 labor unions, worker cooperatives, civil society groups, academia, and businesses; and

109 (4) to achieve the Green New Deal goals and mobilization, a Green New Deal will  
110 require the following goals and projects-

111 (A) providing and leveraging, in a way that ensures that the public receives  
112 appropriate ownership stakes and returns on investment, adequate capital (including  
113 through community grants, public banks, and other public financing), technical  
114 expertise, supporting policies, and other forms of assistance to communities,  
115 organizations, Federal, State, and local government agencies, and businesses working  
116 on the Green New Deal mobilization;

117 (B) ensuring that the Federal Government takes into account the complete  
118 environmental and social costs and impacts of emissions through-

119 (i) existing laws;  
120 (ii) new policies and programs; and  
121 (iii) ensuring that frontline and vulnerable communities shall not be adversely  
122 affected;

123 (C) providing resources, training, and high-quality education, including higher  
124 education, to all people of the United States, with a focus on frontline and vulnerable  
125 communities, so that all people of the United States may be full and equal participants  
126 in the Green New Deal mobilization;

127 (D) making public investments in the research and development of new clean and  
128 renewable energy technologies and industries;

129 (E) directing investments to spur economic development, deepen and diversify  
130 industry and business in local and regional economies, and build wealth and community  
131 ownership, while prioritizing high-quality job creation and economic, social, and  
132 environmental benefits in frontline and vulnerable communities, and deindustrialized  
133 communities, that may otherwise struggle with the transition away from greenhouse gas  
134 intensive industries;

135 (F) ensuring the use of democratic and participatory processes that are inclusive of  
136 and led by frontline and vulnerable communities and workers to plan, implement, and  
137 administer the Green New Deal mobilization at the local level;

138 (G) ensuring that the Green New Deal mobilization creates high-quality union jobs  
139 that pay prevailing wages, hires local workers, offers training and advancement  
140 opportunities, and guarantees wage and benefit parity for workers affected by the  
141 transition;

142 (H) guaranteeing a job with a family-sustaining wage, adequate family and medical  
143 leave, paid vacations, and retirement security to all people of the United States;

144 (I) strengthening and protecting the right of all workers to organize, unionize, and  
145 collectively bargain free of coercion, intimidation, and harassment;

146 (J) strengthening and enforcing labor, workplace health and safety,  
147 antidiscrimination, and wage and hour standards across all employers, industries, and  
148 sectors;

- 149 (K) enacting and enforcing trade rules, procurement standards, and border  
150 adjustments with strong labor and environmental protections-
- 151 (i) to stop the transfer of jobs and pollution overseas; and
- 152 (ii) to grow domestic manufacturing in the United States;
- 153 (L) ensuring that public lands, waters, and oceans are protected and that eminent  
154 domain is not abused;
- 155 (M) obtaining the free, prior, and informed consent of indigenous peoples for all  
156 decisions that affect indigenous peoples and their traditional territories, honoring all  
157 treaties and agreements with indigenous peoples, and protecting and enforcing the  
158 sovereignty and land rights of indigenous peoples;
- 159 (N) ensuring a commercial environment where every businessperson is free from  
160 unfair competition and domination by domestic or international monopolies; and
- 161 (O) providing all people of the United States with
- 162 (i) high-quality health care;
- 163 (ii) affordable, safe, and adequate housing;
- 164 (iii) economic security; and
- 165 (iv) clean water, clean air, healthy and affordable food, and access to nature.
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167 This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

168 PASSED and ADOPTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2019.



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