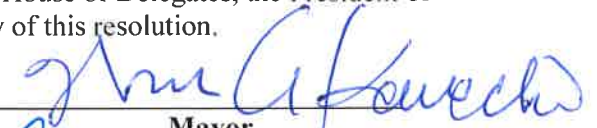



## Resolution of the City of Morgantown Supporting the Legalization of Power Purchase Agreements in West Virginia

- Whereas,* The City of Morgantown has made extensive investments in energy efficiency in recent years; and
- Whereas,* These investments have generated substantial budget savings for the City, thereby reducing the cost of City operations to the taxpayer; and
- Whereas,* The City of Morgantown wishes to make further cost-effective investments in clean energy; and
- Whereas,* The City of Morgantown signed on to the Paris Climate Agreement committing to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 28 percent by 2026 compared to the 2005 baseline, and solar energy is a cost-effective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Whereas,* Power Purchase Agreements would allow municipalities and other tax-exempt entities to acquire solar energy cost-effectively; and
- Whereas,* Power Purchase Agreements are currently available in at least 26 states, including Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia; and
- Whereas,* Power Purchase Agreements allow customers to lock in electricity rates and protect against utility rate increases; and
- Whereas,* The US Department of Labor lists solar PV installer as the fastest growing occupation in the United States; and
- Whereas,* Power Purchase Agreements would therefore expand job creation in West Virginia; and
- Whereas,* More than 150 major corporations have made corporate commitments to use 100% renewable energy; and
- Whereas,* The lack of renewable energy in West Virginia hinders our ability to attract these corporations and the jobs they would bring to our state; and
- Whereas,* Legislation is needed to authorize the use of Power Purchase Agreements in West Virginia; and
- Whereas,* Legislation authorizing Power Purchase Agreements would help municipalities lower costs and save money for taxpayers;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the Morgantown City Council supports legislation authorizing Power Purchase Agreements in West Virginia; and

**Be it further resolved,** on this <sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup> day of February, 2019, Morgantown City Council directs the City Manager to file with the Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates, the President of the West Virginia State Senate, and local legislators, a copy of this resolution.

  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk