



WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake has already shown its commitment to the importance of tackling the issue of climate change by supporting the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's Paris Agreement, and this pledge is the next step in supporting those ideals; and

WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge is a non-binding framework to aid Village staff, the Climate Smart Community Coordinator, the Climate Smart Community Task Force, Village elected officials, and other community stakeholders in assessing the most efficient and economical actions available to the Village to combat the effects of climate change,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village of Saranac Lake, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

- 1) Build a climate-smart community.**
- 2) Inventory emissions, set goals, a plan for climate action.**
- 3) Decrease energy use.**
- 4) Shift to clean, renewable energy.**
- 5) Use climate-smart materials management.**
- 6) Implement climate-smart land use.**
- 7) Enhance community resilience to climate change.**
- 8) Support a green innovation economy.**
- 9) Inform and inspire the public.**
- 10) Engage in an evolving process of climate action.**



WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake is dedicated to achieving a Climate Smart Community certification and,

WHEREAS, one of the mandatory action items to be certified is appointing a Climate Smart Community Coordinator and,

Whereas, the Climate Smart Community Coordinator will work with Village elected officials and staff to help support and build capacity for the Village and,

WHEREAS, the Climate Smart Community Coordinator will be the Chairperson of the Climate Smart Community Task Force for the Village of Saranac Lake and,

WHEREAS, the Climate Smart Community Coordinator will report to the Village Community Development Director,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Erin Griffin is appointed as the Climate Smart Community Coordinator for a term of (1) year due to her exemplary qualifications, experience, and dedication to climate change adaptation and resiliency.



WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake is dedicated to achieving a Climate Smart Communities (CSC) certification and,

WHEREAS, one of the mandatory action items to be certified is appointing a Climate Smart Community Task Force and,

WHEREAS, the CSC Task Force serves as a central body of leadership that promotes and supports climate mitigation and adaption in the community and,

WHEREAS, the role of the CSC Task Force is to assess the status and/or feasibility of action items in the CSC certification program and will act as an advisory board that collaborates with Village elected officials and staff to accomplish plans, programs and activities that are part of the CSC certification program and,

WHEREAS, the meeting and operational structure of the CSC Task Force is up to its members and the CSC Coordinator, while complying with the Open Meetings Law of New York State and,

WHEREAS, any recommendation made by the CSC Task Force will be in close consultation with Village staff and require approval for implementation by the Village Board and,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that a Climate Smart Community Task Force be initiated with the initial voting membership list below and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that voting members of the Task Force do not exceed (9) individuals and appointments to the Task Force require a majority vote of the Village Board.