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5 **A RESOLUTION**  
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7 Reaffirming Milwaukee County's commitment to the principles and goals of the  
8 Paris Agreement and affirming support for the scientific conclusions of the Greenhouse  
9 Gas Endangerment Finding  
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12 WHEREAS, according to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate  
13 Change, climate action taken by partners in the United States and around the world can  
14 result in the pollution reduction needed globally to limit warming to only 1.5 degrees  
15 Celsius; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the 2009 Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding ("Endangerment  
18 Finding"), issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Air Act  
19 on December 7, 2009, determined that greenhouse gases pose a threat to public health  
20 and welfare, thereby providing the scientific and legal foundation for regulating  
21 emissions to mitigate climate change; and  
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23 WHEREAS, on November 4, 2016, the Paris Agreement was ratified by 197  
24 global parties, to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change by  
25 limiting a global temperature rise this century to well below 2 degrees Celsius above  
26 pre-industrial levels, and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further  
27 to 1.5 degrees Celsius; and  
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29 WHEREAS, President Donald Trump's decision on June 1, 2017, to pull out of  
30 the Paris Agreement put millions of Americans at risk for being excluded from  
31 participating in a global effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and  
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33 WHEREAS, the many benefits of climate action by local governments also  
34 address issues of inequality including the expanding wealth gap, the lack of housing,  
35 the accessibility of public transit, aging infrastructure, and other major urban challenges,  
36 which means that local governmental bodies like Milwaukee County must step up to  
37 stop climate change; and  
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39 WHEREAS, on September 28, 2017 the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
40 adopted File No. 17-506, establishing Milwaukee County's commitment to the principles  
41 and goals of the Paris Agreement for climate change awareness; and  
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43 WHEREAS, on April 22, 2021, The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
44 adopted File No. 21-389, committing Milwaukee County to becoming carbon neutral by  
45 2050 and requesting the Director, Office of Sustainability, Facilities Management

46 Division, Department of Administrative Services develop and administer a strategic plan  
47 to achieve carbon neutrality in Milwaukee County facilities and operations by 2050; and  
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49 WHEREAS, on April 24, 2025, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
50 adopted File No. 25-262 approving the Milwaukee County Climate Action (CA50) Plan,  
51 outlining clear steps for reducing greenhouse gas emissions to achieve net zero  
52 operational emissions; and  
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54 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has reported a 46% reduction in operational  
55 greenhouse gas emissions relative to 2005, marking significant progress; and  
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57 WHEREAS, President Donald Trump's decision on January 27, 2026, to  
58 withdraw from the Paris Agreement for a second time threatens the progress being  
59 made across the country to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and  
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61 WHEREAS, President Donald Trump's decision on February 12, 2026, to  
62 eliminate the Endangerment Finding represents a significant setback to climate  
63 protection efforts, undermining the scientific basis for regulating greenhouse gas  
64 emissions and increasing risks to public health, environmental sustainability, and long-  
65 term economic resilience; and  
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67 WHEREAS, we all have a moral, economic, public health, and security  
68 imperative to act as individuals, as counties, and as a global community to protect our  
69 planet, fellow human beings, and future generations; and  
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71 WHEREAS, the Committee on Community, Environment, and Economic  
72 Development, at its meeting of March 9, 2026, recommended adoption of  
73 File No. 26-338 (vote 4-1); now, therefore,  
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75 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
76 recommits Milwaukee County to its ongoing efforts and practices that support the spirit  
77 of the principles and targets outlined in the Paris Agreement, including any practices  
78 that assist in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and limit global warming; and  
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80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County reaffirms its allegiance with  
81 other states and global partners that continue to adhere to the principles and goals of  
82 the Paris Agreement; and  
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84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
85 affirms its continued support for the scientific conclusions of the Endangerment Finding,  
86 recognizing the necessity of regulating greenhouse gas emissions to protect public  
87 health, safeguard environmental sustainability, and ensure long-term economic  
88 resilience; and  
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90 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
91 hereby requests that the Director, Office of Sustainability, Facilities Management

92 Division, Department of Administrative Services continue to administer the Climate  
93 Action 2050 strategic plan and lead emissions reduction strategies outlined within; and  
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95 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Government Affairs is  
96 requested to provide a copy of this resolution to the members of the Wisconsin State  
97 Legislature, the Governor of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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