

**RESOLUTION TO COMMIT TO SUPPORTING THE POWERING OF
ADA COUNTY WITH 100% CLEAN ENERGY BY 2045**

At a meeting of the Board of Ada County Commissioners, State of Idaho, on the 29th day of October, 2019, the following Resolution was adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, the Board of Ada County Commissioners (the Board) is committed to effective and responsible resource use and conservation practices that maximize social and economic possibilities and meet the needs of a growing population without compromising the needs of future residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board has a history of demonstrating the County's commitment to environmental, economic, and social stewardship by taking significant actions to reduce its carbon footprint, increase energy efficiency, and practice practical resource conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that a fully clean energy system is one that considers all sources of energy use, including – but not limited to – electricity generation, buildings, transportation, waste management, and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports the vision behind Idaho Power's Clean Today, Cleaner Tomorrow campaign and commitment to 100% clean electricity by 2045; and

WHEREAS, Ada County and its partners produce clean electricity through a rooftop solar photovoltaic system at Barber Park, a hydroelectric plant at Barber Dam, and a Landfill Gas to Energy (LFGTE) Project that provides environmental and economic benefits to the County and other local energy users; and

WHEREAS, further development of local clean energy generation will increase local resilience and stability and provide economic opportunities by keeping money in the region and stimulating tourism, recreation, construction, and other industries; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to build upon the County's proven commitment to energy efficiency and strategic resource conservation as resolved in the 2003 Green Building Resolution and the Strategic Plan for Sustainable Operations and Resource Conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Board agrees that transitioning to clean energy, improving energy efficiency, and electrifying the transportation system will bring many benefits to the community and environment such as keeping our air and water clean, creating jobs, saving money, protecting public health, and generally ensuring that the quality of life and amenities residents and visitors value is protected for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Ada County Commissioners commits to powering County Operations with 100% clean and local electricity by 2020 through the purchase of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) generated at the Ada County Landfill by the LFGTE plant, or other local source, in order to promote county resilience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County will support Idaho Power's goal of producing 100% clean electricity by ending the use of coal and natural gas to ensure that Ada County will be 100% clean, community-wide by 2045; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board wishes to explore policies that will begin the transition towards 100% clean energy across all sectors and shall enact policies to reduce its consumption of fossil fuels, increase its use of clean and renewable energy, and continue to promote energy conservation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that County officials and employees shall consider relevant decisions in light of the goal of transitioning all County systems to 100% clean energy and will integrate this goal into key County processes and plans, to include comprehensive planning, capital investment planning, and budgeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this transition shall ensure that benefits are equitably available to all and will not disproportionately burden marginalized groups or populations in our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ada County shall take proactive actions to implement the strategies and objectives outlined in the Operations Department's Strategic Plan for Sustainable Operations and Resource Conservation to maximize energy conservation, promote clean energy, and minimize greenhouse gas emissions within the county including:

- Establishing energy benchmarks to foster the development of precise, tangible goals that can be quantitatively monitored and measured with set indicators and outcomes;
- Developing a Green Fleet Policy with the goals of rightsizing vehicles and overall fleet size, planning for driver training, setting electric preferred purchasing standard for all new and replacement fleet vehicles, and promote alternative fuel infrastructure in order to decrease emissions and fuel consumption from county-owned vehicles;
- Installing additional renewable power projects at County buildings, ideally with battery storage, whenever feasible;
- Continuing to pursue energy efficiency through traditional means such as LED lighting upgrades, building retrofits, and other projects that qualify for utility incentives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board, through all the initiatives described above, hereby acknowledges its commitment to the residents of Ada County to provide a more stable, resilient future that will ensure lasting social, economic, and environmental prosperity.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of October, 2019.

Board of Ada County Commissioners

By: 
Kendra Kenyon, Commissioner

By: 
Diana Lachiondo, Commissioner

By: 
Rick Visser, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Phil McGrane, Ada County Clerk