

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: March 21, 2023

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE NYS CLIMATE SMART  
COMMUNITIES PLEDGE ELEMENT 9

WHEREAS the Town of Hurley 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 effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy, and livelihoods; harm our 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 the Town of Hurley believes 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 innovative economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS the Town of Hurley has taken the Climate Smart Communities Pledge in April, 2018 and was named a BRONZE Certified Climate Smart Community in the State of New York by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC); and

WHEREAS the Town of Hurley has taken a number of steps to begin addressing climate change including but not limited to:

1. Creating community and municipal operations greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories to identify activities that are responsible for GHG emissions in order to reduce or eliminate these emissions
2. Using the Climate Planning Resiliency Tool together with the Ulster County Cornell Cooperative Extension to catalog and examine Town and County planning documents, activities and management policies with the goal of evaluating the Town's preparedness for severe weather and the adverse effects of climate change.
3. Informing and inspiring the public to prepare for the effects of climate change and to enlist them in taking steps to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as part of preventing further climate change through public events such as the Hurley Greener Living Car Show and Expo and the Climate Smart table at the Hurley Memorial Day Parade.

WHEREAS the Town of Hurley believes 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,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Hurley, in order to continue its work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, adopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities Pledge Element 9, Climate Change Education and Engagement and commits to partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster to develop a webpage for the Town website addressing climate change emergencies by presenting information, photographs, resources, and links for residents and by hosting up to twelve (12) social media posts to inform Town residents of this new resource.

Motioned by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

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