

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BASALT, COLORADO, JOINING THE  
COMPACT OF COLORADO COMMUNITIES AS PART OF IMPLEMENTING THE  
TOWN OF BASALT'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

**Town of Basalt, Colorado  
Resolution No. 25  
Series of 2017**

**RECITALS**

1. WHEREAS, Colorado communities share in common a strong quality of life deeply rooted in the state's vigorous economy, agricultural and environmental resources, and rich cultural heritage; and

2. WHEREAS, Colorado communities, resident and businesses throughout the state are already beginning to feel the impacts of climate change, such as reduced snowpack, high heat days, earlier snowmelt runoff, and more frequent and severe floods, droughts and wildfires; and

3. WHEREAS, the Town of Basalt seeks to join neighboring communities in developing innovative ways to address climate change, built community resilience and stimulate local economies; and

4. WHEREAS, on May 19, 2017, elected officials and senior staff from Colorado cities and counties pledged to present a formal charter to become co-founding members of the Compact of Colorado Communities; and

5. WHEREAS, the mission of the Compact of Colorado Communities is to build capacity of Colorado cities and counties in developing and implementing aggressive climate change and clean energy initiatives, thus ensuring the security and economic prosperity of its member communities; and

6. WHEREAS, the Compact of Colorado Communities will advance climate action and preparedness of its member communities through:

- a) Providing training and technical support to member communities in developing and delivering community improvement programs advancing greenhouse gas reduction, clean energy and climate preparedness;
- b) Facilitating peer learning and resource sharing between local governments;
- c) Enhancing local government capacity to address climate-related risks and opportunities throughout critical decision-making roles;
- d) Securing technical support and funding resources for members' local implementation efforts;
- e) Spurring creation of jobs, improving public health and demonstrating bold

- actions; and  
f) Advancing statewide preparedness and resilience.

7. WHEREAS, the Compact will be governed by a Steering Committee that includes representation from member communities nominating their own elected officials and/or senior staff (the "Steering Committee");

8. WHEREAS, the Compact of Colorado Communities will be administered by staff hired and dedicated to its own mission without conflict of interest;

9. WHEREAS, the Association of Climate Change Officers ("ACCO") will act as a temporary fiscal agent for the Compact until such time as the compact may establish its own organization or has identified a successor organization to serve in that role; and

10. WHEREAS, the Basalt Green Team has brought the proposed action to join the Compact of Colorado Communities before the Basalt Town Council at their August 22, 2017 meeting.

11. WHEREAS, the Town of Basalt adopted the Basalt Climate Action Plan in 2017 which includes agreements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the Council finds that joining the Compact will aid in implementing that plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Basalt Town Council, Colorado, that we formally join the Compact of Colorado Communities for 2017 and thereafter pursuant to the provisions outlined in Paragraph 5, and will adhere to the requirements for all Compact members summarized below:

**1. Training and Capacity Building.**

- a) Commit at least one (1) elected official and assign at least one (1) senior staff member to participate in the annual convening of the Compact.
- b) Commit leadership and Staff participation in annual climate change training as referenced in the Compact's published guidelines.

**2. Contribution and Funding.**

- a) Make an annual contribution to the Compact in the amount specified by the Compact Guidelines for Member Participation & Commitments no later than 30 days after the start of the fiscal year. The payment for 2017 will be pro-rated.
- b) Encourage Staff, as appropriate, to provide non-financial support to the Compact's fundraising efforts to ensure that the Compact has

sufficient and sustainable funding to support its members.

**3. Actions**

- a) Establish and publicly announce a new goal or initiative by no later than September 30, 2019 that meets an appropriate aggressiveness threshold to be agreed upon by the Steering Committee in consultation with ACCO and Compact staff.

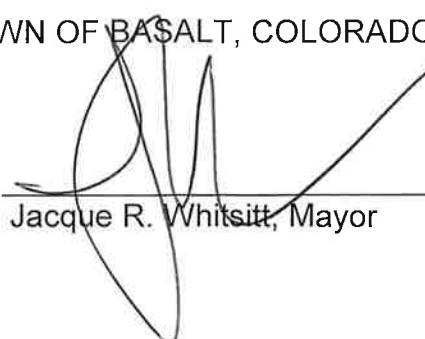
**4. Participation**

- a) Assign one (1) elected official and one (1) senior staff person to serve as liasons and official representatives to the Compact.
- b) Elected officials will be invited to participate in activities designed and appropriate for elected officials and government leaders (to be held on more frequently than twice annually).
- c) Staff liasons will be asked to address administrative issues, process annual contributions, coordinate usage of Compact benefits and participate in Compact-wide meetings (to be held no more frequently than on a quarterly basis).

**5. Participation in Compact from Year 2018 and Forward.** It is the Council's intent to continue membership in the Compact of Colorado Communities in future years. The Town's membership is dependent upon the yearly budget, which begins each January 1, and is also dependent on Council commitment. If the Council determines that it cannot satisfy the requirements of membership the Town will discontinue membership.

READ AND ADOPTED on August 22, 2017, by a vote of 5 to 0.

TOWN OF BASALT, COLORADO

By:   
Jacques R. Whitsitt, Mayor

ATTEST

By:   
Pamela K. Schilling, Clerk

