RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WEBSTER BOARD OF COMMISIONERS SUPPORTING

 A STATE GOAL OF 100% CLEAN ENERGY BY 2050 AND THE CREATION OF GREEN JOBS

Whereas, climate change is expected increasingly to impact North Carolina’s temperatures, precipitation, and sea level with harmful consequences;

Whereas, climate change and world-wide average temperature increases are primarily due to human caused fossil fuels emissions - including coal, oil, and natural gas - according to the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, National Academy of Sciences, American Meteorological Society, United States Environmental Protection Agency, and United States Department of Defense;

Whereas, the consumption and extraction of fossil fuels has been shown to contribute not only to global warming and sea level rise but also to the degradation of both air quality in the mountains of North Carolina and in water quality near the point of extraction and preparation;

Whereas, moving to cleaner energy choices - such as wind, water, and solar power - will guarantee American energy independence and will provide jobs of the future;

Whereas, many municipalities have signaled their intent through resolution to move to 100% clean and renewable energy by 2050, and are encouraging local energy providers to do the same;

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Town of Webster Board of Commissioners that it endorses the following:

 SECTION 1. The State of North Carolina and the United States shall establish a transition from a fossil fuel-based economy to a 100% clean, renewable energy for all energy-based sectors of the economy, by January 1, 2050, or sooner, to promote the creation of innovative green energy jobs and to protect the Earth for current and future generations.

 SECTION 2. This resolution is effective upon adoption.