

CITY OF SAXMAN
Resolution #03.2023.03

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Saxman, Alaska committing to developing ways to mitigate the effects of climate change and developing a program to address climate injustice on the Alaska Native American.

WHEREAS, the City of Saxman has identified the Saxman Harbor construction project as a high priority project for the residents of Saxman and,

WHEREAS, the City of Saxman intends to utilize this project for economic stability and wealth building of its residents and,

WHEREAS, the impacts of climate change are disproportionately borne by communities of color and Indigenous communities, who are more likely to live and work in communities located near industrial and hazardous sites, as well as vulnerable to extreme weather events and,

WHEREAS, President Biden has issued an Executive Order that recognizes that climate change is an urgent threat and commits the Federal Government to leading the way in transitioning to a clean energy economy that delivers good-paying jobs, makes the United States' power sector carbon-free by 2035, and protects the environment for future generations and,

WHEREAS, use of the Saxman Harbor and electrification of the small cruise ship berths would displace the following emissions over the next 30 years: 37,870 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) , 1,373 metric tons of nitrogen oxide (NO_x) , 105 metric tons of sulfur dioxide (SO_x) , and 62 metric tons of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) and,

WHEREAS, the City of Saxman is in a unique position to incorporate Tidal Power into the Saxman Harbor and,

WHEREAS, climate change affects all inhabitants of the planet and threatens the environment and economic growth of our local communities and,

WHEREAS, the City of Saxman recognizes the need to take meaningful action to address this global problem, and,

WHEREAS, Alaska Native Americans suffer from climate injustice because they are disproportionately impacted by the consequences of climate change due to their close relationship to the land and vulnerable economic situations and,

WHEREAS, Climate change has caused droughts, extreme weather events, degradation of natural resources, and diseases, all of which can have severe health impacts on Native Americans and,

WHEREAS, Many Alaska Native Americans lack access to healthcare, advocating power, and technology to mitigate the effects of climate change.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Saxman strongly supports the development of a policy on climate change and encourages the creation of strategies and programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve energy, and protect the health and welfare of our citizens against the effects of climate change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Saxman pledges to work with partners and stakeholders in the community, region, and state to implement strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and conserve energy to further mitigate the impacts of climate change. The City is committed to ensuring that our citizens are informed about climate change and the steps we can take to protect the environment, public health and safety, and economic growth in the face of climate change.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 15th day of March 2023.

Frank Seludo, Mayor

ATTEST: Lori Richmond, City Clerk