

RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 46

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION SUPPORTING OHIO'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY RESOURCE AND RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARDS TO CREATE JOBS, SAVE CONSUMERS MONEY AND PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, AND URGING GOVERNOR KASICH AND THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REINSTATE THESE STANDARDS WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

WHEREAS, in 2008, the State of Ohio passed the Energy Efficiency Resource and Renewable Portfolio Standards that ensures Ohioans have access to clean, low-cost, and diverse energy sources; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's energy efficiency programs implemented under the state's clean energy standards have netted Ohio consumers more than \$1.5 billion in savings to date and will result in more than \$4.1 billion in savings over the life of the programs; and

WHEREAS, as of 2016, there were over 100,000 Ohioans working in clean energy businesses, over 12,000 of which are located in Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on average, every dollar that has been spent on energy efficiency programs in Ohio has resulted in two dollars in savings for consumers; and

WHEREAS, many of Ohio's cities are taking important action to implement local clean energy policies and projects to create jobs and deliver residents significant savings on their energy bills; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent has embraced sustainability and clean energy and been an active leader in energy efficiency and renewable energy deployment through a series of initiatives and actions over the past decade to help save residents money and create jobs; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the Ohio General Assembly froze the state Energy Efficiency Resource and Renewable Portfolio Standards for two years and now, in 2016, there are efforts by some state lawmakers to continue this freeze; however, further delay in reinstating the Standards will cost jobs, deprive consumers of savings, and increase public health risks; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Lung Association's 2016 'State of the Air' report, the Cleveland metropolitan area still fails to meet the annual national air quality standard; and

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association is calling on Ohio's leaders to reinstate the state Energy Efficiency Resource and Renewable Portfolio Standards to reduce harmful emissions from power plants that threaten air quality and harm public health; and

WHEREAS, sound clean energy policy creates jobs for the local economy, provides opportunities for local businesses and residents to save money, and protects public health through investments in a low-emissions, diverse electric grid; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, at least three-fourths (3/4) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That this Council supports Ohio's Energy Efficiency Resource and Renewable Portfolio Standards to create jobs, save consumers money and protect public health, and urges Governor Kasich and the Ohio General Assembly to reinstate these Standards without further delay.

SECTION 2. The Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Governor John Kasich, Cliff Rosenberger, the Speaker of the House; Keith Faber, the President of the Senate; Mike Dovilla, the Chair of the Ohio House Public Utilities Committee; Al Landis, the Chair of the Ohio House Energy and Natural Resources Committee; William Seitz, the Chair of the Ohio Senate Public Utilities Committee; and

Troy Balderson, the Chair of the Ohio Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: 06/15/2016
DATE

MAYOR AND PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2016-46 was duly enacted this 15 day of
June, 2016, by the Council of the City of Kent, Ohio

CLERK OF COUNCIL