



Town Council of Indian Head

Proclamation 100% Renewable Energy

WHEREAS, the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act (SB-516) passed by the state of Maryland on May 22, 2019, requires 50% of Maryland's energy to come from renewable sources and 14.5% from in-state solar, by 2030; and

WHEREAS, clean energy sources such as wind are now more affordable than fossil fuel sources; and energy efficiency measures that drive down energy demand are the most cost-effective means to reduce fossil fuel consumption; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy represents an enormous economic opportunity for Indian Head to create jobs in an emerging industry, increase economic security and expand prosperity for local residents, reduce air pollution and associated public health risks, reduce the strain on water resources, and save consumers money; and

WHEREAS, people of color, immigrants, refugees, economically disadvantaged residents, older people and children, people who are homeless, and people with existing mental and physical health conditions experience the impacts of climate change disproportionately; and

WHEREAS, clean energy is one of the fastest growing employment sectors and creates opportunities for good local jobs within the city; and

WHEREAS, cities across the nation have made commitments to transition to 100 percent clean energy and Indian Head strives to remain a leader among its peer cities; and

WHEREAS, "renewable energy" includes energy derived from wind, solar, geothermal, and wave technology sources. These sources of energy have significant public health co-benefits associated that can help address pressing environmental justice challenges in sensitive communities in Indian Head and around the country; and

WHEREAS, "renewable energy" specifically excludes energy derived from fossil fuels, nuclear, incineration of municipal and medical waste, and large-scale future hydroelectric development.

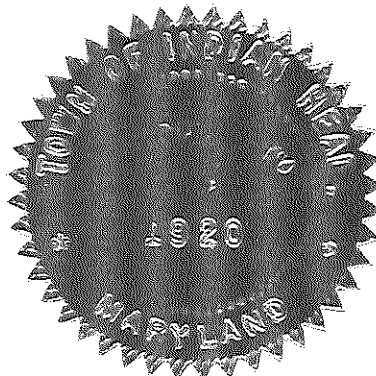
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Town Council of Indian Head, Indian Head establishes a One Hundred Percent (100%) renewable energy goal for municipal electricity use by 2030, including at least Fifty Percent (50%) renewable energy by 2025.

Signed this 4th day of October, 2021

Brandon Paulin
Mayor

Ron Sitoula
Vice Mayor

Randy Albright
Councilman



Attest by:

Andrea Brady
Town Clerk