

**RESOLUTION 13-2017**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE MOAB CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR**  
**ESTABLISHING RENEWABLE ENERGY AND GREENHOUSE**  
**GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION GOALS FOR MOAB CITY**

- WHEREAS,** *Moab municipal government is responsible to promote the public health and safety of its residents, including access to clean air, clean water and a livable environment; and*
- WHEREAS,** *energy resources we utilize as a municipal government and community significantly impact public health and safety, including the economic and social well-being of current and future residents; and*
- WHEREAS,** *there is scientific consensus regarding the reality of climate change and the connection between human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases (GHG), and warming of the planet; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Moab is already feeling the effects of climate change locally through increased temperatures, and modeled changes in water systems, extreme weather events and other disruptions will threaten our economy, residents and overall welfare; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the transition to a low-carbon community reliant on the efficient use of renewable energy resources will provide a range of benefits including improved air quality, enhanced public health, increased national and energy security, local jobs, reduced reliance on finite resources and myriad other positive outcomes; and*
- WHEREAS** *many residents choose to live in Moab because of its natural amenities including open space, clean air, reliable water, and moderate climate, and value the support to our quality of life these natural amenities provide; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Moab's current stable economy is based on it being a well-visited destination world renowned for its natural setting, and we have an opportunity to broadly influence dialogue on climate change; and*
- WHEREAS** *local governments are on the front line of climate change, community-based efforts are nimble and able to address the impacts of climate change, and Moab is committed to helping facilitate this transition alongside other national and international communities that have prioritized addressing climate change by investing in clean energy to enhance the well-being of current and future generations; and*
- WHEREAS,** *emissions from electricity generation are a major component of both the municipal and community GHG emissions for Moab; and*
- WHEREAS,** *other Utah cities are currently renegotiating their franchise agreements with our electricity provider, the details of which may be of significant importance to accomplishing our renewable energy goals, and which may influence the available terms of Moab's future franchise agreement; and*

**WHEREAS,** success will require the participation of a variety of stakeholders; an integrated approach across city policy areas such as fiscal, energy, economic, and infrastructure; and receptivity to new business models which allow open participation in the development and financing of energy infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS,** access to the financial and environmental benefits of renewable energy must be shared equally across all economic classes through such mechanisms as equitable pricing structures, and community solar programs; and

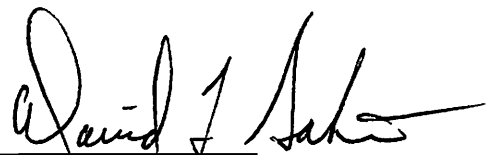
**WHEREAS,** the Council acknowledges that proactively addressing the community's desires to achieve a more sustainable energy future requires a substantial investment in staff resources and a significant financial commitment by the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Moab City Council and Mayor adopt the following goals for the City of Moab:

1. *Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Goal: 80% by 2040. Moab will ensure the reduction of community greenhouse gas emissions by at least 80% by 2040, including a reduction of at least 50% by 2032. This reduction will be relative to a 2018 community emissions baseline, including emissions from energy use and transportation. Updated community greenhouse gas emissions inventories will be published at least every three years starting in 2018.*
2. *Renewable Energy Goals: 100% Renewable Electricity by 2032. Moab City will ensure the transition to 100% renewable energy for its community electricity supply by 2032. The City will also transition to 100% renewable energy for municipal operations by 2027, including at least 50% municipal renewable energy by 2024. Progress on these transitions will be published at least every other year starting in 2018.*

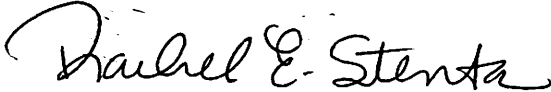
Passed and Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

CITY OF MOAB

By: 

David L. Sakrison, Mayor

Attest:



Rachel E. Stenta, City Recorder