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TOWN OF WALDOBORO COMMUNITY RESILIENCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Waldoboro has completed the Community Resilience Partnership's Community Resilience Self-Assessment and List of Community Actions, and held a community workshop on May 9, 2023 which prioritized the following action areas:

1. Reducing gas emissions with a focus on traveling in the Village.
2. Reduce the municipality's energy use and non-renewable fueling sources.
3. Amend Ordinances to consider rising sea levels, natural habitats, and creating incentives to encourage efficient and/or renewable infrastructure.
4. Strengthen Waldoboro's response to natural disasters and extreme temperatures that impact the most vulnerable residents.
5. Preserving the water quality of the Medomak River and protecting traditional aquaculture practices as well as public access.
6. Creating infrastructure and networks to help minimize the impacts of climate change in the short-term and long-term; and

WHEREAS, planning for community and infrastructure resilience will protect people, preserve businesses and the local economy, and reduce the impact and costs of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, investing in energy efficiency and weatherization improvements is proven to lower municipal electricity expenses and make buildings more comfortable for employees and visitors; and

WHEREAS, shifting seasonal temperature and precipitation patterns threaten local natural ecosystems, economic activity such as natural agriculture and traditional aquaculture practices, and public health due to increased incidence of heat-related illness and tick-borne illnesses such as Lyme disease; and

WHEREAS, the Community Resilience Partnership provides grants to municipalities and tribal governments for activities that lower energy expenses, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase community resilience in alignment with the state's climate action plan and goals, which include decreasing greenhouse gas emissions 45% by 2030 and 80% by 2050, and achieve carbon neutrality by 2045; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Waldoboro commits to participating in the Community Resilience Partnership, which supports community leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resiliency to extreme weather and climate change impacts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Waldoboro designates the Town Planner/ Director of Planning and Development in consultation with the Economic Development Committee, the Waldoboro Select Board, and the Town Manager, to coordinate the planning, implementation, and monitoring of energy and resilience projects and to be the primary point of contact for the Community Resilience Partnership.