

**50-R-18**

**A RESOLUTION**

**Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Greenest Region Compact 2  
with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to Support Regional  
Sustainability Initiatives**

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes climate change as a major local and global threat; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is a regional and national leader in sustainability as evidenced by the 4-STAR Community Rating, the Mayor's Climate Protection Award, the EPA Green Power Partnership, and the 2015 U.S. Earth Hour Capital Award; and

**WHEREAS**, the City believes it is imperative to have coordinated regional and national action to address the challenges of climate change and implement consistent sustainability practices throughout the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus provides a forum for the chief elected officials of the Chicago region to develop consensus and act on common public policy issues and multi-jurisdictional challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' participating communities have a history of environmental stewardship, from energy efficiency, water conservation, urban forestry, and participating in Clean Air Counts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus created the Greenest Region Compact in 2007 to address environmental sustainability issues of global importance at the local level; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenest Region Compact, a 2018 update to the original pledge and sometimes referred to as the Greenest Region Compact 2, is built on important environmental initiatives already underway in communities, in partnership with many non-profit, state, regional and national organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenest Region Compact 2 synthesizes sustainability goals already adopted by leading communities in the region; and these consensus goals align with common regional, state, national and global objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenest Region Compact 2 offers a companion Framework to guide communities of all sizes and strengths to assess their current efforts; develop a sustainability plan suited to local priorities; and will offer resources to help them succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, the consensus goals of the Greenest Region Compact 2 will guide coordinated efforts toward enhanced quality of life for residents' protection and stewardship of the environment and sustainable economic vitality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1:** The foregoing recitals are found as fact and incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 2:** The City endorses the Greenest Region Compact 2 proposed by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and agrees to work to achieve them, both in their own communities and in collaboration throughout the region.

**SECTION 3:** The City Manager and their designee are hereby authorized and directed to sign, and the City Clerk hereby authorized and directed to attest, any documents necessary to implement the terms of this resolution.


**SECTION 4:** This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval in the manner required by law.

  
Stephen Hagerty, Mayor

Approved as to form:

  
Michelle L. Masoncup, Corporation Counsel

Attest:

  
Devon Reid, City Clerk

Adopted: August 13, 2018