

BILL NO. R-18-08-24

RESOLUTION NO. R-_____

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
THE PLEDGE TO REPOWER INDIANA**

WHEREAS, Fort Wayne Common Council maintains that many residents of Fort Wayne have reached out about the future of renewable energy in the form of a petition not previously before Council.

WHEREAS, AEP & Indiana Michigan Power have indicated a plan to phase out the Rockport coal-burning power plant within the next decade.

WHEREAS, I&M must file an updated 20-year energy plan (called an “integrated resource plan”) with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission by November 1, 2018.

WHEREAS, with the phasing out of coal-burning power, there is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for I&M to invest in solar, wind, battery storage, and other efficiencies.

WHEREAS, Fort Wayne Common Council recognizes and supports the members of the community fighting for these changes.

WHEREAS, the Pledge to Repower Indiana states that the undersigned support: Replacing Rockport generation with solar, wind, battery storage, and energy efficiency in a cost-effective manner, Improve energy efficiency programs so they serve more low- and fixed-income residents, Ensure I&M meets or exceeds energy savings goals established under the former statewide Energizing Indiana program, Invest in renewable energy projects that will transform abandoned spaces while bringing good jobs to our communities and improving the local tax base, and ensure that this current and future

1 20-year planning processes are transparent and accessible to all interested customers,
2 especially the people most impacted by I&M's decisions.

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4 WHEREAS, this is a non-binding resolution and therefore reflects the opinion and
5 beliefs of only the elected officials who sign the document.

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7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE**
8 **CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA,**

9 **SECTION 1.** That those members of Fort Wayne Common Council who sign this
10 document, support the Pledge to Repower Indiana the philosophy set forth in the
11 Pledge.

12 **SECTION 2.** That if this document is signed by the Mayor of the City of Fort
13 Wayne it shall evidence his support of the Pledge to Repower Indiana concepts as set
14 forth herein.

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19 Michael Barranda
20 Common Council Member

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23 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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26 Joseph G. Bonahoom, City Council Attorney