Proclamation AFFIRMING A LOCAL PARTNERSHIP FOR JOINT CLIMATE RESILIENCE EFFORTS

Whereas,

there is a strong scientific consensus that climate change is happening at an accelerating rate; and

Whereas,

in 2015, the Mayors' National Climate Action Agenda declared, "The effects of climate change - extreme storms, wildfires and drought; disruption of agricultural supply chains and jobs in rural heartlands; to name a few - are a clear and present danger;" and

Whereas,

climate change impacts such as severe storms, increased rainfall flooding, and extreme temperature variation have already begun to affect Central Illinois; and

Whereas,

both the severity and frequency of major adverse weather events is projected to grow more severe in the decades to come; and

Whereas,

to ensure continued economic prosperity and the health and wellbeing of the community, action must be taken to ensure the infrastructure of our community is resilient to climate change impacts, and

Whereas,

the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, in signing the President's Climate Commitment, has publicly pledged to begin coordinating with the community at large to research and support resilience efforts

THEREFORE,

- I, Mayor Deborah Frank Feinen of the City of Champaign; and
- I, Mayor Diane Marlin of the City of Urbana; and
- I, Chancellor Robert Jones of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

do hereby proclaim that the cities of Champaign and Urbana, working alongside the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, affirm our joint commitment to bolstering our community's resilience to the impacts of climate change

In Witness Whereof, we hereunto set our hands on this 4th day of October, 2018.

Mayor Deborah Frank Feinen Champaign, Illinois Mayor Diane Marlin Urbana, Illinois

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Chancellor Robert Jones University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign