**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-8.5**

**OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

**OF THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE**

**WHEREAS,** our climate is rapidly changing, leaving New Jersey families and businessesvulnerable to the impacts of more frequent and severe storms; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Bloomingdale is extremely vulnerable to the effects of extreme weatherevents that are more common as a result of a changing climate; and

**WHEREAS,** our community is deeply concerned about the adverse impacts of climatechange; and

**WHEREAS,** major hurricanes alone have cost the state of New Jersey billions in the lastdecade; and

**WHEREAS,** extreme weather events have resulted in damages inthe Borough of Bloomingdale over the past decade; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Bloomingdaleis dedicated to taking serious steps to reduce carbonpollution within our borders and have already taken significant steps to reduce green house gas emissions including: these things; and

**WHEREAS,** the Governor and Legislature of New Jersey have a responsibility to addressclimate change in the Garden State by improving energy efficiency, addressing the cumulative impacts of concentrated industrialization, promoting adaption to climate change and sea-level rise, increasing our production of clean energy, and promoting renewable installations in brownfields and landfills; and

**WHEREAS,** the families and businesses inthe Borough of Bloomingdaleare suffering from inaction inTrenton; and

**WHEREAS,** immediate action on climate is needed to prevent the loss of property and lifeand ensure continued economic success.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by theGoverning Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale that the Borough of Bloomingdale:

* Commits to increasing renewable energy requirement, or renewable portfolio standard (“RPS”) community-wide, to 80% by 2050
* Will audit city greenhouse gas emissions community-wide & set a strong goal for reducing emissions (80% by 2050)
* Commits to purchasing 50% (or more) of the city’s energy from renewables by 2025
* Will incentivize renewable purchases for city residents
* Will facilitate and incentivize greater clean energy investment in the community
* Commits to install renewable energy technology on city facilities where feasible
* Commits to a broad energy efficiency goal that prioritizes reducing building energy use by developing a list of best practices for building
* Commits to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and pollution from vehicles

## Record of Council Vote on Passage

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| Council person | aye | nay | Abstain | Absent | Council person | aye | nay | Abstain | Absent |
| Costa | X |  |  |  | Hudson | X |  |  |  |
| D’Amato | X |  |  |  | Sondermeyer | X |  |  |  |
| Dellaripa | X |  |  |  | Yazdi |  |  |  | X |
| Mayor Dunleavy |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Bloomingdale at an Official Meeting held on August 16, 2016.

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Jane McCarthy, R.M.C.

Municipal Clerk, Borough of Bloomingdale