

RESOLUTION NO. 130-2023(MSES),
Second Reading

Introduced by Mayor Seren

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Nutter Consulting for professional services for the preparation of a Climate Action and Resiliency Plan; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights (the “City”) has identified taking action and building resiliency to climate change and its impacts as important for the future of the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, there is a consensus among leading climate scientists that the emissions of greenhouse gases generated from human activities causes global warming, which has led to a changing climate and its negative impacts to human health and resources; and

WHEREAS, global climate change has led to an increased incidence of extreme weather events and its negative impacts on socio-economic activities; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that embarking on efforts aimed at reducing greenhouse gases will have several co-benefits such as improved air quality and public health, energy security, social equity, vibrant natural environment, and enhanced quality of life; and

WHEREAS, developing a well-thought-out response to climate change positions the City to be a leader in a green economy; developing goods and services required to transition to a climate-resilient future; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to enhancing quality of life and meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, the City will review and analyze the City’s existing climate-related policies, plans, programs, and governance structure, as well as any regional planning documents and resources, that will provide the foundation for the climate action and resiliency planning; and

WHEREAS, the City will analyze the emissions of greenhouse gases in the City and develop an emissions reduction pathway and specific science-based targets; and

WHEREAS, the City will analyze its vehicle fleet, develop specific recommendations and determine a method for conducting periodic updates to the

