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2 **Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Initiative** - For the purpose of supporting the goals of the Clean
3 Energy Jobs Initiative and calling on the State of Maryland to implement its proposals to improve
4 our citizens' access to clean energy jobs.

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6 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**

7 *City of Annapolis*

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9 **Resolution 4-18**

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11 **Introduced by: Alderman Rodriguez, Mayor Buckley, Alderman Savidge,**
12 **Alderwoman Tierney, Alderman Arnett and Alderwoman Henson**

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14 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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16 **Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Initiative**

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18 **WHEREAS,** clean, renewable energy creates jobs in Maryland. The state has more than 170
19 solar companies and over 5,400 solar jobs. The wind industry, meanwhile, has
20 brought more than \$380 million in private investment into Maryland's economy
21 to date. These jobs lead to good-paying careers within these industries and across
22 related economic sectors. Increasing Maryland's Renewable Portfolio Standard
23 (RPS) to 50% renewable electricity by 2030 would support new high-paying
24 Maryland jobs, and increase GDP due to construction of new Maryland-based
25 renewable energy; and

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27 **WHEREAS,** Maryland is a coastal state with 3,000 miles of tidal shoreline, thus making us one
28 of the most vulnerable states in America to sea level rise. Climate change also
29 means more severe storms, increased precipitation, deepening periodic droughts,
30 and other detrimental impacts. Increasing Maryland's RPS to 50% clean power by
31 2030 would reduce 8.1 million metric tons of CO2, which is the carbon equivalent
32 of taking 1.7 million cars off the road each year; and

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34 **WHEREAS,** fossil fuel-based and other forms of outdated energy generation emit pollution
35 that creates a public health crisis. Air pollution from old and carbon-intensive
36 energy is costing Marylanders' their education and their paycheck through missed
37 school and work and increasing health care expenses. Increasing Maryland's RPS
38 to 50% by 2030 would improve the air in our region, preventing up to 290
39 premature deaths and over 3,000 asthma attacks per year; and

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41 **WHEREAS,** Maryland's RPS law is a tool intended to incentivize new and clean sources of
42 renewable energy that reduce greenhouse gases and other hazardous air and water
43 pollution; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, trash incineration emits high levels of health-hazardous air pollution, and its
2 inclusion in the current RPS law crowds out investments in new, clean and
3 renewable energy; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, certain communities – especially many communities of color – are overburdened
6 by air and water pollution from energy generation, and are underserved by the
7 benefits of climate action. The Maryland Commission on Climate Change has
8 recommended that Maryland’s climate action policies should improve resilience
9 in vulnerable communities, produce public health benefits, and produce economic
10 benefits that are equitably distributed across Maryland's population; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, Maryland should enact policies that encourage the clean energy industry to grow,
13 while seeking to increase the diversity of business owners and employees
14 benefiting from that industry.
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16 **NOW, THEREFORE,**
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18 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the Council supports the
19 Clean Energy Jobs Initiative and its proposals: Increasing Maryland’s RPS law for electricity to
20 50% renewable energy by 2030; Investing in clean-energy workforce development while
21 targeting economically distressed parts of the State and individuals who have historically
22 experienced barriers to employment; Making more funding available for investment capital and
23 loans to help minority- and woman-owned businesses enter and grow within the clean energy
24 economy; Phasing out incentives for the incineration of trash under Maryland’s current RPS law
25 for renewable power.
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27 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that a copy
28 of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, the Honorable Chairs and Members of the City of
29 Annapolis House and Senate Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly, the President of the
30 Maryland Senate, and the Maryland House Speaker.
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32 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this
33 resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage.
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36 **EXPLANATION**

37 Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.

38 [~~Strikethrough~~] indicates matter stricken from existing law.
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