BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 51-2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING UNITED STATES HOUSE RESOLUTION 763, WHICH WILL IMPOSE A FEE ON THE CARBON CONTENTS OF FUEL, INCLUDING CRUDE OIL, NATURAL GAS, COAL, OR ANY OTHER PRODUCT DERIVED FROM THOSE FUELS THAT WILL BE USED SO AS TO EMIT GREENHOUSE GASES INTO THE ATMOSPHERE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, U.S. House Resolution 763, an Act cited as the "Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019," will create a Carbon Dividend Trust Fund for the American people in order to encourage market-driven innovation of clean energy technologies and market efficiencies which will reduce harmful pollution and leave a healthier, more stable, and more prosperous nation for future generations; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 763 is a bipartisan measure that will reduce U.S. carbon emissions by at least 40 percent in the first 12 years and 90 percent by 2050; and

WHEREAS, this bill would introduce a gradually rising carbon fee that would reflect the externalities of pollution costs, thereby creating a market-driven demand for cleaner energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, the net revenues from the carbon fee introduced by this bill would yield a dividend for the American people in the form of a rebate; and

WHEREAS, a U.S. Department of the Treasury study concluded that 53 percent of households would receive a net financial benefit from the bill; and

WHEREAS, this bill would also generate more than 2 million jobs over a 10 year period in local communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, a 2018 joint Yale University and George Mason University study found that seven in ten Americans think global warming is happening, and nearly half of Americans say they have personally experienced the effects of global warming; and

WHEREAS, global climate change poses a significant threat to the health and wellbeing of all Floridians, including those in the City of Stuart; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Stuart believes that this measure is both necessary and expedient in reducing greenhouse gas emissions nationwide, while providing a net financial benefit to most Americans.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1: The foregoing precatory language is adopted as if set forth below.

SECTION 2: The City Commission of the City of Stuart, Florida authorizes this resolution in support of U.S. House Resolution 763 cited as the "Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019," and urges its federal delegation to support the bill.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and a copy shall be sent to the Members of Congress who comprise the local federal delegation.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

Resolution No. 51-2019
Supporting H.R. 763 Relating to the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019

	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
REBECCA S. BRUNER, MAYOR				
EULA R. CLARKE, VICE MAYOR				
KELLI GLASS LEIGHTON, COMMISSIONER				
MERRITT MATHESON, COMMISSIONER				
MIKE MEIER, COMMISSIONER				

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

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MARY R. KINDEL
CITY CLERK

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REBECCA S. BRUNER
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

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MICHAEL MORTELL
CITY ATTORNEY