On motion of TRUSTEE_____, seconded by TRUSTEE _____, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

Resolution #164-2025

WHEREAS, the proposed Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is a vital first step towards establishing a robust cap-and-invest program for New York State; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) mandates significant climate goals, including a 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions below 1990 levels by 2030 and an 85% reduction by 2050, for which the cap-and-invest program is a critical mechanism; and

WHEREAS, this proposed rule clearly outlines the entities required to report and their thresholds, encompassing a wide range of carbon emission contributors from fossil fuel suppliers to end-users, with this detailed data collection being essential for the program's success and accountability; and

WHEREAS, while this reporting rule is a significant advancement, it is recognized that this action alone is insufficient to achieve the full potential of a comprehensive cap-and-invest program; and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of New Yorkers advocates for the rapid development and implementation of a strong cap-and-invest program to improve air quality and mitigate harmful pollution throughout the state, ensuring that all New Yorkers can reside in communities with clean air and water; and

WHEREAS, delays in the full implementation of this program disproportionately benefit major polluters, leading to continued environmental degradation, compromised air quality, and rising healthcare costs for residents; and

WHEREAS, at least 30% of the revenue generated by this program will be directly rebated to families on their electricity bills, thereby assisting with energy cost management and ensuring affordability; and

WHEREAS, in light of ongoing federal actions that may diminish environmental protections and clean energy investments, New York State has a pivotal

opportunity and responsibility to establish a national precedent through its cap-and-invest program,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village of Croton-on-Hudson Board of Trustees hereby expresses its strong support for the proposed Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule and urges Governor Kathy Hochul and the DEC to promptly release all remaining necessary regulations for public comment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Governor Hochul and the DEC are called upon to expedite the full implementation of the cap-and-invest program without further delay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the leadership of Governor Hochul and the DEC is crucial for protecting public health, combating climate change, and building a more just and sustainable economy for all New Yorkers.

Dated: June 26, 2025