RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 24-02

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director

DATE: July 27, 2023

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SOLAR FOR ALL PROGRAM

Whereas, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission has been and continues to be a staunch supporter of solar energy and energy efficiency programs; and

Whereas, the local governments of Northern Virginia have pledged to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions to 80% below 2005 levels by 2050; and

Whereas, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission pioneered the first regional solar map in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

Whereas, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission’s highly successful solar program (Solarize NoVA) has resulted in 690 contracts for 6.2 MW of solar and nearly $18 million in private sector investment; and

Whereas, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission along with the Local Energy Alliance Program, local government partners and local solar installers have launched its 2023 solar campaign; and

Whereas, NVRC (Northern Virginia Regional Commission) is designated as a Gold Sol Smart community and six of nine permitting jurisdictions have achieved Sol Smart designation; and

Whereas, the Biden Administration has recently released a $7 Billion grant program (Solar for All) through the Environmental Protection Agency to fund residential solar projects, energy workforce related programs, etc.; and

Whereas, the Department of Energy of the Commonwealth of Virginia will be applying for said funds to implement a statewide program to include Northern Virginia; and

Whereas, the Commonwealth is committed to supporting 100% clean electricity generation by 2045 in the region as required in the Virginia Clean Economy Act; and

Whereas, the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has set July 31, 2023, as the date for the Commonwealth to submit it Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply for said funds; and

Whereas, EPA intends to make up to 60 awards under this competition;

Therefore be it resolved, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission supports the application of the Commonwealth as it works with the local governments in Northern Virginia and throughout the Commonwealth to apply for and implement the Solar for All program.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on July 27, 2023.

ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER