

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY

County of Camden, State of New Jersey

#R 273 2019

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER CITY, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION IN THE STATE OF
NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, emissions from gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution, including global warming emissions, ground-level ozone, fine particulate matter; and

WHEREAS, numerous scientific studies have found links between exposure to fine particulates and health effects including premature death, and increased incidents of asthma, allergies, and other breathing disorders, including groundbreaking research from the Rutgers Environmental and Occupational Health Science Institute (EOHSI); and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is especially at threat from the impact of climate change, with more than 300,000 people in coastal areas in danger from rising sea levels, flooding, and dangerous storms; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is warming at twice the rate of the rest of the United States because of fossil fuel use, leading to dangerous environmental and public health impacts; and

WHEREAS, petroleum-based gasoline and diesel fuel are non-renewable fuels, and for every gallon of gasoline used, the average car produces about 20 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO₂), the largest contributor to climate change nationally and in-state; and

WHEREAS, more than 40 percent of energy-related greenhouse gas emissions in New Jersey are from the transportation sector, with about half of that (20 percent) from fossil fuel-powered cars; and

WHEREAS, increased adoption of electric vehicles and the charging infrastructure to support them is an effective way to reduce climate-heating greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, electric vehicles may bring economic benefits, such as reduced electricity costs to residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gloucester City wants to be prepared to take advantage of the rapidly expanding market in electric vehicles and the growing range of funding sources for transit electrification; and

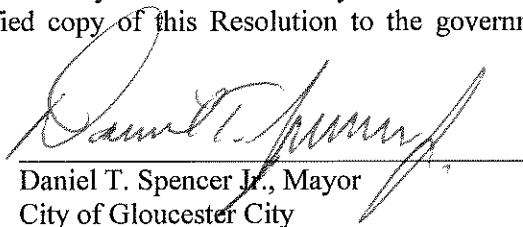
WHEREAS, the City of Gloucester City is committed to fostering sustainability and ensuring a healthy environment for present and future citizens; and

WHEREAS, with the Trump Administration's proposed rollback of the Clean Cars program and attack on the ability of states like New Jersey to set their own emissions standards, it is more critical than ever for counties like the City of Gloucester City support the goals of the New Jersey Clean Cars program to put more than 330,000 electric vehicles on the road by 2025 to reduce air pollution and carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to pass S2252/A4819 to install at least 600 public DC fast chargers and Level 2 public community chargers at 1,000 locations or more across the state by December 31, 2021 as soon as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester, County of Camden and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The provisions of the **WHEREAS** clauses set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.
2. The City of Gloucester City, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, supports the electrification of transportation and welcomes investment in electric vehicles and electric vehicle supply equipment by agencies public and private.
3. In order to achieve this goal, the Mayor and Common Council supports S2252/A4819 and urges New Jersey's legislature to pass the bill as quickly as possible to expand charging infrastructure and rebates for electric vehicle owners.
4. The Mayor and Common Council supports and encourages the efforts of non-profits and agencies in the county to raise money and interest in transportation electrification with the goal of beginning to electrify the municipal fleet of towns as soon as possible.
5. The Mayor and Common Council seek the immediate assistance and endorsement of S2252/A4819 by the Honorable Phil Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, Senate Present Stephen M. Sweeney, Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez, Assemblyman, William Moen and Assemblyman William W. Spearman.
6. The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City direct the Clerk of Gloucester City to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the governmental representatives set forth herein.



Daniel T. Spencer Jr., Mayor
City of Gloucester City

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester this November 26, 2019.



Vanessa L. Parent, Registered City Clerk