



# Board of County Commissioners

## **A PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2019 AS GO SOLAR NOW! MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations has stated that Climate Change is the defining issue of our time and we are at a defining moment; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, in 2017 fossil fuel generated electric power accounted for 34% of total U.S. energy related CO2 emissions; and,

**WHEREAS**, Boulder County in 2017 affirmed its support for the Paris Climate Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing Boulder County's adoption of renewable energy is a Community Strategy outlined in Boulder County's 2018 Environmental Sustainability Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado experiences more than 300 days of sunshine each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of solar has declined by nearly 60% since 2010 while solar panel efficiencies in creating renewable electricity have increased; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 established the 30% Renewable Energy Investment Tax Credit (ITC), and that discount it is due to step down to 26% on January 1, 2020 for solar energy projects;

## **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF BOULDER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT MAY 2019 IS GO SOLAR NOW! MONTH**

To promote the adoption of solar renewable energy projects locally, reduce our dependence on fossil fuel generated electricity, address the growing impacts of the human-induced changing climate, shield its residents from rising energy costs, become a more resilient community, and to avail upon residents and businesses to install solar energy systems on their properties in 2019 so as to benefit, if eligible, from the Federal Renewable Energy Investment Tax Credit while it still remains as a 30% tax credit, the Board of Boulder County Commissioners hereby proclaim May 2019 as Go Solar Now! Month.

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