



## CITY OF SEBASTOPOL PROCLAMATION

### *Proclaiming and Recognizing March 30, 2023 as International Day of Zero Waste 2023*

**Whereas**, On 14 December 2022, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution at its seventy-seventh session to proclaim 30 March as International Day of Zero Waste, to be observed annually; and

**Whereas**, During International Day of Zero Waste, everyone is invited to engage in activities aimed at raising awareness of national, subnational, regional and local zero-waste initiatives and their contribution to achieving sustainable development; and

**Whereas**, The waste sector contributes significantly to the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity and nature loss, and pollution; and

**Whereas**, Humanity generates an estimated 2.24 billion tons of municipal solid waste annually, of which only 55 per cent is managed in controlled facilities and every year, around 931 million tons of food is lost or wasted and up to 14 million tons of plastic waste enters aquatic ecosystems; and

**Whereas**, Zero-waste initiatives can foster sound waste management and minimize and prevent waste, helping to address the triple planetary crisis, protect the environment, enhance food security and improve human health and well-being.; and

**Whereas**, the City of Sebastopol On December 3, 2019 adopted a City Council Resolution declaring a climate emergency and committing to ongoing actions to restore a safe environment; and

**Whereas**, The City's Climate Action Committee is tasked with evaluating and prioritizing additional emission-reduction and preparedness strategies to recommend to the City Council; and

**Whereas**, The Climate Action Framework ("the Framework") is a tool to aid the City of Sebastopol in addressing the climate emergency and reaching net zero emissions by 2030 and paints a vision of a vibrant, clean, safe, and resilient Sebastopol; and

**Whereas**, residents still landfill over a pound of compost per day and .75 pounds of recycling on average; and

**Whereas**, not wasting these resources could save over 3000 metric tons of greenhouse gasses from release each year; and

**Whereas**, March 30<sup>th</sup> is a good reminder each year that Zero Waste actions must continue to be prioritized.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I**, Mayor Neysa Hinton, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Sebastopol, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2023 as *International Day of Zero Waste 2023*.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand on the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023.

Mayor Neysa Hinton