

RESOLUTION 23R-14

To request the RI Board to consider providing clubs and districts with a tool to reduce or offset their carbon footprint

Proposer(s): District 1660, France

1 WHEREAS, climate-related issues are a concern for all, and

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3 WHEREAS, Rotary can demonstrate through its own leadership on this issue that
4 it will act as a trustworthy steward of the environment, and

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6 WHEREAS, many Rotarians are concerned with climate change and wish to take
7 action to protect the environment, and

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9 WHEREAS, climate change is a global issue that can be effectively addressed only
10 with the full involvement of everyone, and

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12 WHEREAS, environmental sustainability is now one of Rotary's areas of focus

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14 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
15 International consider providing clubs and districts with a tool to reduce or offset
16 their carbon footprint.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 Rotary must lead by example. Moreover, all people concerned with climate-
18 related issues and issues that generally impact the environment should consider
19 our organization to be an ideal platform for taking action, resulting in attracting
20 new members.

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22 The Rotary clubs of District 1660 therefore request RI to provide a tool that can
23 help to assess the carbon footprint of clubs and districts.

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25 This should help them to achieve the following goals:

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27 Goal 1: Identify the primary sources of emissions within the district, as well as measure
28 its capacity to offset those that are unavoidable. Each club must contribute to carbon
29 neutrality at the district level.

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31 Goal 2: Help members to understand at the global level the impact of individual clubs
32 upon global warming.

- 1 Goal 3: Collect data in order to set a benchmark for the establishment of goals toward the
- 2 reduction of carbon emissions, as well as measure and share progress on those goals.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
- 4 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
- 5 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.