

Resolution No. {Resolution Number}

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MAYORS CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT AND THE CITIES FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION CAMPAIGN.**

**WHEREAS**, scientific consensus has determined that Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and other greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere have a profound effect on the Earth's climate; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2007, President Bush convened a conference of the world's largest 15 polluters to look at ways to reduce greenhouse emissions and vowed that it is an important issue for the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2003, the American Geophysical Union adopted a Statement noting that human activities are increasingly altering the Earth climate and that natural influences cannot explain the rapid increase in near surface temperatures observed during the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2001, at the request of the Administration, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) reviewed and declared global warming a real problem caused in part by the actions of humankind; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2001 Third Assessment Report from the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the 2000 U.S. Global Change Research Program's (USGCRP) First National Assessment indicate that global warming has begun; and

**WHEREAS**, energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, accounts for more than 80% U.S. greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments influence communities' emissions by exercising key powers over land use, transportation, construction, waste management, and energy management;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of *{City Name}* commits to participate in building a framework for the Kansas City area for the reduction of greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout their community and the region, and agree to the following actions,

- Section 1) We urge the federal government and state governments to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the target of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012, including efforts to: reduce the United States' dependence on fossil fuels and accelerate the development of clean, economical energy resources and fuel-efficient technologies such as conservation, methane recovery for energy generation, waste to energy, wind and solar energy, fuel cells, efficient motor vehicles, and biofuels;

Section 2) We urge the U.S. Congress to pass bipartisan greenhouse gas reduction legislation that 1) includes clear timetable and emissions limits and 2) a flexible, market-based system of tradable allowances among emitting industries;

Section 3) Strive to meet the established targets outlined in the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement using the following components and processes,

- a) Conduct a global warming emissions inventory in City operations and in the community;
- b) Establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target;
- c) Develop an action plan with both existing and future actions which, when implemented, will meet the local greenhouse gas reduction target, including but not limited to the following,
  - (1) Promote and adopt land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create compact, mixed-use and walkable urban communities;
  - (2) Promote transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit;
  - (3) Increase the use of clean, alternative energy by, for example, investing in “green tags,” advocating for the development of renewable energy resources, recovering landfill methane for energy production, and supporting the use of waste to energy technology;
  - (4) Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting city facilities with energy efficient lighting and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;
  - (5) Purchase only Energy Star equipment and appliances for city use;
  - (6) Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED program and National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Model Green Home Building Guidelines or similar systems;
  - (7) Increase the average fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages; convert diesel vehicles to bio-diesel;
  - (8) Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems; recover wastewater treatment methane for energy production;

- (9) Increase recycling rates in city operations and in the community;
  - (10) Maintain healthy urban forests; promote tree planting to increase shading and to absorb CO2; and
  - (11) Help educate the public, schools, other jurisdictions, professional associations, business and industry about reducing global warming pollution.
- d) Implement the action plan; and
  - e) Monitor the action plan to review progress.

ADOPTED by the Governing Body this \_\_\_\_\_ day of *{MONTHNAME}*, 2007.

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*{Name of the Mayor}*, Mayor

ATTEST:

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*{Name of the City Clerk}*,  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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*{Name of the City Attorney}*,  
City Attorney