

RESOLUTION NO. R-2006-309

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE U.S. MAYORS CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT AND CREATING THE GREEN TEAM, AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COMMISSION CLIMATE PROTECTION TARGETS FOR HOLLYWOOD AND SUGGEST A RANGE OF ACTIONS TO HELP ACHIEVE THOSE TARGETS.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors has previously adopted strong policy resolutions calling for cities, communities and the federal government to take actions to reduce global warming pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the international community's most respected assemblage of scientists, has found that climate disruption is a reality and that human activities are largely responsible for increasing concentrations of global warming pollution; and

WHEREAS, recent, well-documented impacts of climate disruption include average global sea level increases of four to eight inches during the 20th century; a 40 percent decline in Arctic sea-ice thickness; and nine of the ten hottest years on record occurring in the past decade; and

WHEREAS, climate disruption of the magnitude now predicted by the scientific community will cause extremely costly disruption of human and natural systems throughout the world including: increased risk of floods or droughts; sea-level rises that interact with coastal storms to erode beaches, inundate land, and damage structures; more frequent and extreme heat waves; more frequent and greater concentrations of smog; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2005, the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement to address climate disruption, went into effect in the 141 countries that have ratified it to date; 38 of those countries are now legally required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on average 5.2 percent below 1990 levels by 2012; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, with less than five percent of the world's population, is responsible for producing approximately 25 percent of the world's global warming pollutants; and

WHEREAS, the Kyoto Protocol emissions reduction target for the U.S. would have been 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012 if the U.S. had ratified it; and

WHEREAS, many leading U.S. companies that have adopted greenhouse gas reduction programs to demonstrate corporate social responsibility have also publicly expressed preference for the U.S. to adopt precise and mandatory emissions targets and timetables as a means by which to remain competitive in the international marketplace, to mitigate financial risk and to promote sound investment decisions; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emission reduction targets and programs with bipartisan leadership, coming from Democratic and Republican governors and mayors alike; and

WHEREAS, many cities throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing global warming pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, and economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, 297 mayors from 45 states representing a total population of more than 49 million citizens have endorsed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement which, as amended at the 73rd Annual U.S. Conference of Mayors, is attached; and

WHEREAS, Hollywood has instituted a number of environmentally friendly measures including using compressed natural gas (CNG) as an alternative fuel, purchasing more than 170 CNG bi-fuel or dedicated vehicles and 17 hybrid cars, converting fluorescent light fixtures in City Hall from 4/40 Watt bulb fixtures to 3/32 Watt fixtures and in several areas from 3 to 2 bulb fixtures, retrofitting exterior fixtures and City Hall Lobby fixtures from incandescent bulbs to fluorescent plug-ins, changing fluorescent hallway bulbs to neon, and installing motion sensors to replace light switches in City Hall, and many other earth friendly initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Hollywood City Commission wishes to enlist the aid of its residents and businesses to develop initiatives and programs to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions by creating an advisory committee, the "Green Team;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That it supports the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

Section 2: That it encourages other cities to also support the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and authorizes the City Clerk to send this resolution to the Broward League of Cities and the Broward County Commission.

Section 3: That it creates the Green Team, a City of Hollywood advisory committee.

Section 4: That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

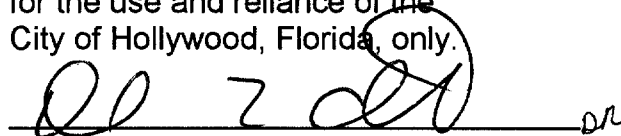
PASSED AND ADOPTED This 20 day of Sept, 2006.

  
MARA GIULIANTI, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY  
for the use and reliance of the  
City of Hollywood, Florida, only.

  
DANIEL L. ABBOTT, CITY ATTORNEY