

# **City Of \_\_\_\_\_**

## **Sample Resolution Participation in the Cities for Climate Protection™ Campaign**

WHEREAS, scientific consensus has developed 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 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 20th 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, 162 countries including the U.S. pledged under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, accounts for more than 80% of 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; and

WHEREAS, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the local government, its businesses and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, sponsored by ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability, has invited the

**City of \_\_\_\_\_** to become a partner in the Campaign;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of \_\_\_\_\_ commits to participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and, as a participant, pledges to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change. **The City of \_\_\_\_\_** will undertake the Cities for Climate Protection Program 5 milestones to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout the community, specifically:

- conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and forecast to determine the source and quantity of greenhouse gas emissions in the jurisdiction;
- establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target;
- develop an action plan with both existing and future actions which when implemented will meet the local greenhouse gas reduction target;
- implement the action plan; and
- monitor to review progress; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that **The City of \_\_\_\_\_** requests assistance from ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign (CCP) as it progresses through the milestones.