

~~A-Resolution~~

Supporting
efforts to reduce carbon
dioxide emissions in the United States

WHEREAS, a consensus of scientists worldwide have concluded that carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases are increasing in the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, the current rate of carbon dioxide emissions, if not curbed significantly before the year 2000 will decrease rainfall and increase coastal flooding, altering and potentially devastating entire ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the United States is the world's single largest source of carbon dioxide emissions, and thus has the greatest responsibility to future generations at home and abroad in reversing the trends that have caused recent global temperature increase, and

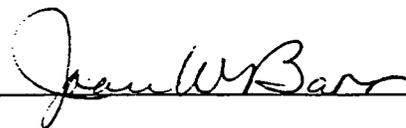
WHEREAS, developing a sustainable global future includes promoting the use of renewable energy resources; the use and reuse of all wastes and recycled materials; transit alternatives to fossil-fuel dependant vehicles to improve air quality: restoration and protection of natural habitats; and energy-efficient housing and community design that reduces resource exhaustion and stimulates social interaction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston has many critical environmental responsibilities, including land use planning, management of transportation systems, protection of water resources, management of wastes, conservation of energy, and development of parks: and

WHEREAS, the Evanston City Council and City departments have demonstrated their concern for environmental matters through its maintenance of civic parks, curbside recycling programs, and its expressed support for a new municipal energy program: and

WHEREAS, a strong commitment by the United States Government to reduce carbon dioxide emissions with investment in energy efficiency will allow the U. S. to compete in a booming world market for renewable energy projects and expanding employment, in contrast to the boom-and-bust cycle of fossil fuel-based energy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Evanston City Council declares its support of efforts to urge the United States to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 25% within ten to fifteen years, while expanding U.S. investments in sustainable, efficient energy programs.



Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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