

Resolution No.56

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#### CLIMATE CHANGE

1. **WHEREAS**, more than 50 mayors and other leaders met at The U.S. Conference of Mayors' Action Forum on Environment and Energy in Miami on October 1-2, 2008, to develop an action agenda on Environment and Energy; and
2. **WHEREAS**, following that meeting a working group of mayors drafted a national action agenda on Environment and Energy; and
3. **WHEREAS**, that national action agenda includes a series of findings and recommendations relating to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in local communities and metro areas; and
4. **WHEREAS**, the mayors found that:
  - While progress is being made in the area of climate change, the goal for the nation must be to create a comprehensive solution to solve this problem;
  - One of the solutions is to utilize cities with the tools that ultimately will have the greatest environmental impact and undo the causes of global warming and climate change;
  - The Mayors have increasingly called attention to the need for global climate protection, focusing on: renewable energy sources; national standards for climate change; building standards and practices; and alternative transportation options;
  - With world scientists warning of the serious implications caused by climate change in the near future, U.S. mayors are leading the national charge to meet the goals of the Kyoto Protocol but action and a partnership with the federal government must take place in order to decrease the impacts of climate change locally and globally; and
5. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The United States Conference of Mayors adopts as its policy on Climate Change called for by the mayors in the National Action Agenda on Environment and Energy to urge the President and Congress to do the following:

- Establish a national emissions target of 80 percent by 2050;
- Enact "cap and trade" legislation that supports local government initiatives and reduces greenhouse emissions;
- Participate and ratify the United States' commitment to the next Climate Change Accord in Copenhagen 2009.

Projected Cost: Unknown