

Resolution No.57

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SUPPORT FOR U.S. ENGAGEMENT IN COP 15 UNFCCC IN COPENHAGEN

1. **WHEREAS**, the science is unambiguous that climate change is a clear and present threat to our world and national economy that demands immediate attention; and
2. **WHEREAS**, over 940 mayors across the country representing nearly 84 million Americans, have signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, which commits to local solutions to address global warming, and calls for strong climate policy; and
3. **WHEREAS**, cities across the country are doing their part to confront the climate crisis by taking local action to reduce the carbon footprints of government operations and the community and have made climate protection a top priority; and
4. **WHEREAS**, while many climate solutions must be implemented at the local level to truly succeed cities will need strong support from new international, federal, regional and state policies; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Conference of Mayors has endorsed a federal policy framework that utilizes market mechanisms to promote flexibility and foster creative approaches to climate protection; and

6. **WHEREAS**, The U.S. Conference of Mayors has endorsed a cap and trade system as an important component of a suite of complementary policies necessary to meet our climate protection goals and to meaningfully reduce emissions; and
7. **WHEREAS**, the Obama Administration has established climate protection as a national and international policy priority;
8. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The U.S. Conference of Mayors urges the United States Government to fully engage in international climate protection negotiations beginning with participation in the 15th Conference of Parties United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December 2009; and
9. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that The U.S. Conference of Mayors urges the US Delegation to Copenhagen to recognize the key role of cities in the global effort against climate change by engaging, empowering, and providing resources to cities throughout the world so that we may continue to deliver effective climate protection initiatives; and
10. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that The U.S. Conference of Mayors recommends that in recognizing the key role that cities will play, a Mayor be selected to join the US delegation to Copenhagen; and
11. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that The U.S. Conference of Mayors urges the U.S. Congress to pass legislation that creates a market for carbon through development of a fair and flexible, economy-wide national cap and trade system as an important first step in participating in an international climate discussion.

Projected Cost: Unknown