

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL 32, THE GLOBAL WARMING ACT SOLUTIONS ACT OF 2006, WHICH LIMITS CALIFORNIA'S GLOBAL WARMING POLLUTION

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32) aims to secure a leadership role for California in the world's emerging clean energy market by establishing mandatory statewide reporting and tracking regulations for greenhouse gas emissions related to California's activities, and capping emissions to achieve reductions that make tangible differences, thereby reducing air pollution and improving public health; and

WHEREAS, AB 32 would charge the California Air Resources Board (CARB) the responsibility of setting limits on greenhouse gas emissions with the purpose of curbing global warming; and

WHEREAS, AB 32 requires CARB to report and verify greenhouse gas emissions and further authorizes CARB to monitor and implement regulations to reduce emissions of gases that cause global warming; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of the world's climate scientists now agree that global warming is a real problem, that the pace of warming is likely to accelerate over the next century, and that human activity is the likely cause of the build-up in global warming pollution; and

WHEREAS, global warming threatens California's air quality, water supply, public health, and economy, especially key industries such as agriculture and tourism; and

WHEREAS, addressing the impacts of global warming may severely burden state and local government agencies with new costs and obligations; and

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1 WHEREAS, local governments significantly influence the community's
2 global warming pollution emissions through their actions concerning land use,
3 transportation, construction, waste management, energy supply, and energy
4 management; and

5 WHEREAS, actions taken by local governments to reduce global warming
6 pollution and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by improving air
7 quality and public health, and saving money for the local government, its businesses,
8 and its residents; and

9 WHEREAS, independent economic studies demonstrate that reducing
10 California's emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 is achievable and will save California
11 families and businesses billions of dollars and provide tens of thousands of new jobs by
12 2020; and

13 WHEREAS, many sources of greenhouse gas emissions, including
14 refineries, electrical generation facilities, cement production facilities and other
15 industries are located in or near minority and low-income communities and negatively
16 impact their quality of life; and

17 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 32 seeks to distribute benefits and costs
18 equitably and ensure that pollution is reduced in local communities; and

19 WHEREAS, the City believes that local air districts, such as the South
20 Coast Air Quality Management District, have robust compliance programs and field
21 inspectors that could monitor progress in meeting emissions limits through permit
22 conditions and inspections.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves
24 as follows:

25 Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Long Beach supports
26 Assembly Bill 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, which puts a binding limit
27 on statewide global warming pollution and requests that the State Legislature assign
28 local air districts with the authority over emissions reporting, permitting and compliance.

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Sec. 2. The City Manager is directed to send copies of this resolution to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the State. The City's name may be added to the roll of those supporting this legislation.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately on its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting on _____, 2006, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk