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# RESOLUTION

*of the*

**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*regarding*

**SUPPORT FOR JOINING THE CITIES FOR CLIMATE  
PROTECTION CAMPAIGN, AND BECOMING A MEMBER OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR LOCAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES (ICLEI)**

**Resolution No. 2007-M-24**

WHEREAS, scientific consensus has concluded 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, 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, in 2001, at the request of the Bush 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, in 2003 the American Geophysical Union adopted a statement noting that human activities are increasingly altering the Earth's climate and that natural influences cannot explain the rapid increase in near-surface temperatures observed during the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Environmental Accords adopted by local government delegates during UN World Environment Day 2005 call for reduced emissions through energy efficiency, land use and transportation planning, waste reduction, and wiser energy management; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the U.S. National Climatic Data Center confirmed clear evidence of human influences on climate due to changes in greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, in February 2007 the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) declared that warming of the earth's climate system is "unequivocal" and that there is "very high confidence" that human activities are contributing significantly to this warming; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2007 Governor Crist signed three Executive Orders that establish Climate Change Leadership by the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, 162 countries including the United States, have pledged under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce their 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 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 the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (“ICLEI”) – Local Governments for Sustainability has invited Orange County Florida to join ICLEI and become a partner in the Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign; and

WHEREAS, Orange County passed Resolution No. 96-M-29 in support of joining the Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign sponsored by ICLEI on July 9, 1996 and wishes to recommit to this Campaign.

WHEREAS, Orange County will encourage and assist other Local Governments within the region in reducing greenhouse gases.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY:

**Section 1.** That Orange County will join ICLEI as a full member and shall participate in the Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign. Our Mayor and Environmental Protection Officer will act as the Orange County liaisons with ICLEI.

**Section 2.** That as a participant in the Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign, Orange County pledges to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change. Orange County shall undertake the Campaign’s five milestones to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout the community, and specifically pledges to:

- a. Conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and forecast to determine the source and quantity of greenhouse gas emissions in the jurisdiction;

- b. Establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target;
- c. Develop an action plan with both existing and future actions which when implemented will meet the local greenhouse gas reduction target;
- d. Implement the action plan; and
- e. Monitor and report progress.

**Section 3.** That Orange County may request assistance from the Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign as it progresses through the milestones.

**Section 4. Effective date.** This Resolution shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July, 2007.



ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: *Richard T. Crotty*  
Richard T. Crotty  
County Mayor

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, County Comptroller  
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: *[Signature]*  
Deputy Clerk