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[SF Climate Challenge]

Resolution to support public participation in the SF Climate Challenge and to name October 25, 2007 SF Climate Challenge Day, with the goal of reducing energy use in City residences, thereby reducing the emission of greenhouse gases which cause global warming.

WHEREAS, Global warming is a critical environmental problem resulting from the emission of greenhouse gases;

WHEREAS, Cities are the largest emitters of greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide (CO₂); and,

WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco is at the forefront of municipal efforts to combat global warming; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has established a target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 20% below 1990 levels by the year 2012; and,

WHEREAS, The vast majority of electricity in the State of California is generated by the burning of fossil fuels, which releases greenhouse gases; and,

WHEREAS, Approximately 20% of the CO₂ emissions from the City of San Francisco result from residential energy consumption; and,

WHEREAS, The SF Climate Challenge is a local initiative of the SF Department of the Environment, the Sierra Club, and a local non-profit One Atmosphere, the purpose of which is to encourage San Franciscans to reduce the amount of energy they consume in their homes and thereby reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and,

WHEREAS, The SF Climate Challenge is a contest wherein teams of households compete to reduce their electricity and gas consumption by the greatest amount during one month; and,

WHEREAS, An initiative such as the SF Climate Challenge gives San Franciscans the opportunity to make a significant difference together by each making small lasting changes in the way they consume energy in their homes; and,

WHEREAS, Meaningful results can be achieved by encouraging widespread participation by local public and private organizations, such as schools, businesses, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, The competition period starts on October 25, 2007: and therefore be it RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco endorses the SF Climate Challenge's efforts to encourage the city-wide conservation of energy in residences as a means to combat climate change; and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco encourages participation in the contest by residents of San Francisco and the formation of teams to compete in the contest by private and public organizations, including City Departments; and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will support the SF Climate Challenge by recognizing teams of households that are successful in the competition in terms of energy saved and level of participation, and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the start for date of the competition, October 25th 2007, is hereby named SF Climate Challenge Day.



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September 25, 2007 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Elsbernd, Maxwell, Mirkarimi, Peskin,

Sandoval, Chu Absent: 1 - Dufty

Excused: 1 - McGoldrick

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 25, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

ngela Calvillo erk of the Board

Mayor Gavin N

10/02/2007

Date Approved