

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

1999 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-10-1999

Proposed by Council Member Shapiro

Introduced by Council Member Shapiro

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction April 20, 1999

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Cities for Climate Protection Campaign

3 For the purpose of participating in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign

4 WHEREAS, based on scientific evidence that Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse
5 gases released into the atmosphere will have a profound effect on the Earth's climate, the United
6 States joined with 160 countries and signed the United Nations Framework Convention on
7 Climate Change which calls on industrialized nations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to
8 1990 levels by the year 2000; and

9 WHEREAS, energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, e.g.: coal, oil and
10 gas, accounts for more than 85% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions; and

11 WHEREAS, local governments greatly influence their community's energy usage by
12 exercising key powers over land use, transportation, building construction, waste management,
13 and in many cases, energy supply and management; and

14 WHEREAS, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and
15 increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating
16 jobs, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the County government, its businesses
17 and its citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, sponsored by the International
19 Council for Local Environmental Initiatives and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has
20 invited Prince George's County to become a partner in the Cities for Climate Protection
21 Campaign;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that the County pledges to join with jurisdictions from all over the world in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and, as a participant in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, pledges to:

1. Take a leadership role in increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from County operations;
2. Develop a local action plan to be implemented over a three year period which describes the steps the County will take to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions; the plan will include:
 - a. A greenhouse gas emission analysis and forecast, to determine the source and quantity of greenhouse gas emissions within the County;
 - b. A CO2 or greenhouse gas emission reduction target
 - c. A strategy for meeting the County's greenhouse gas reduction target, consisting of new and existing measures and policies that when implemented will achieve the greenhouse gas reduction target.

Adopted this 20th day of April, 1999.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
M. H. Jim Estepp
Chairman

ATTEST:

Joyce T. Sweeney
Clerk of the Council