

RESOLUTION

COOL COUNTIES DECLARATION

WHEREAS, there is a consensus among the world's leading scientists that global warming caused by human emission of greenhouse gases is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of global warming include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (i.e., droughts and floods), adverse impacts on plants and wildlife habitats, threats to global food and water supplies - all of which have an economic impact on communities and their local governments; and


WHEREAS, leading scientists have projected that stabilization of climate change in time to minimize such impacts will require a reduction of global warming emissions to 80 percent below current levels by the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors has endorsed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, which commits cities to reduce global warming emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012, and calls for a federal limit on emissions; and

WHEREAS, many counties throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing global warming pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reducing energy bills, preserving green space, implementing better land use policies, improving air quality, promoting waste-to-energy programs, expanding transportation and work choices to reduce traffic congestion, and fostering more economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new technologies.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, will take immediate steps to help the nation, State, and the County to achieve the 2050 climate stabilization goal by:

1. Creating an inventory of County government (operational) greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions and implement policies, programs, and operations to achieve significant, measurable and sustainable reduction of those operational GHG emissions to 80 percent below current levels by 2050.
2. Working closely with local, state, and federal governments to reduce County GHG emissions to 80 percent below current levels by 2050, by developing a GHG emissions inventory and plan that establishes short-, mid-, and long-term GHG reduction targets, with recommended goals to stop increasing emissions by 2010, and to achieve a 10 percent reduction every five years thereafter through to 2050.



John J. McGlennon
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board

SUPERVISOR	VOTE
HARRISON	AYE
BRADSHAW	AYE
GOODSON	AYE
ICENHOUR	AYE
MCGLENNON	AYE

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 25th day of September, 2007.

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