

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF SAN ANSELMO COMMITS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIES FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION CAMPAIGN AND PLEDGES TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE CAUSES AND IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

Whereas, a scientific consensus has developed that Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases (ghg) released into the atmosphere have a profound effect on the Earth's climate; and

Whereas, scientific evidence including the Third Assessment Report from the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the U.S. Global Change research Program's (USGCRP) First national Assessment indicate that global warming has begun, with 1990's the hottest decade in recorded history; and

Whereas, scientific evidence indicates that global warming is already beginning, with the 1990's and 1980's the hottest and second hottest decades in recorded history; and

Whereas, more than 160 countries pledged under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

Whereas, in 2001 at the request of the Administration, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) reviewed and confirmed the concerns of the environment and public health communities and declared global warming a real problem impacting key vulnerable populations. The NAS report also confirmed that global warming is caused in part by the actions of humankind; and

Whereas, energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, e.g.: coal, oil and gas, accounts for more than 80% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions; and

Whereas, local governments greatly influence the community's energy usage by exercising key powers over land use, transportation, building construction, waste management, and energy supply and management; 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 City government, its businesses and its citizens; and

Whereas, the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, sponsored by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has invited the Town of San Anselmo to become a partner in the Campaign;

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Town of San Anselmo commits to participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and as a participant in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, the Town of San Anselmo pledges to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change. The Town of San Anselmo will undertake the Cities for Climate Protection program's 5 milestones to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout the community, specifically:

1. conduct a greenhouse gas (ghg) emissions inventory and forecast to determine the source and quantity of ghg emissions in the jurisdiction;
2. establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target;
3. develop and action plan with both existing and future actions which when implemented will meet the local greenhouse gas reduction target;; and
4. implement the action plan and;
5. monitor to review progress; and


Be it finally resolved, that the Town of San Anselmo requests assistance from the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Cities for Climate Protection Campaign (CCP) as it progresses through the milestones.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was approved by the approved by the San Anselmo Town Council on the 24 day of September, 2002, by the following vote.

AYES: Breen, Kilkus, Kroot

NOES: (none)

ABSENT: Hodgens, Chignell


Debra Stutsman, Town Clerk