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Add the name of Councilmember Clair Muller as a sponsor

A RESOLUTION **07-R-0992**
BY COUNCILMEMBERS ANNE FAUVER AND CLAIR MULLER
AS SUBSTITUTED AND AMENDED BY FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT EFFECTIVE ACTION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, AND THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE MAYOR OF ATLANTA, AND THE ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL, TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE, WHICH IS INCREASINGLY HARMFUL TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE SOUTHEASTERN REGION, THE STATE OF GEORGIA, AND THE CITY OF ATLANTA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there is evidence that global warming is occurring in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, human activity that creates heat-trapping pollution from mobile sources such as cars and planes and stationary sources, such as industrial facilities and power plants, contribute to global warming; and

WHEREAS, global climate change is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of the southeastern United States, the State of Georgia, and to the future well-being of the residents of the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, exact specifics of when and how global climate change will impact the Southeastern region are not known, but, scientists expect that the Southeast will experience more rainfall, concentrated in more severe storms, leading to increased flooding and that this flooding will exceed the existing public and private infrastructure built to accommodate stormwater flows; and

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association ranks the Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Gainesville area as the region with the 13th worst air pollution in the United States of America and as temperatures rise, scientists expect that the Southeast and metropolitan Atlanta will experience more unhealthy smog; and

WHEREAS, as winters continue to warm in the Southeast, scientists expect that cockroaches, fleas, and tropical pests and diseases will thrive, affecting the public health of the residents of the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia's economic future will benefit from attracting and fostering sustainable energy technology industries and that Governor Sonny Perdue is developing initiatives to attract those industries.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES, that the City Council of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, supports effective actions by the President and the United States Congress to address the issue of climate change, which

is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of the Southeastern region, the State of Georgia, and the City of Atlanta.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of Atlanta recommends that the President and the United States Congress take effective actions that include but are not limited to:

- (a) Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the national and local economies.
- (b) Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.
- (c) Provision of federal grants, loans and other funding for state and local capital projects improving infrastructure and facilities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to respond to the impacts of global climate change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Atlanta, Georgia, supports effective actions by the Governor and the Georgia General Assembly to address the issue of climate change, which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of the Southeastern region, the State of Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Atlanta recommends that the Governor and the Georgia General Assembly take effective actions that include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Recommending that the Environmental Protection Division, Department of Natural Resources, State of Georgia (“EPD”) produce a report to the Governor and the Georgia General Assembly on global warming issues in the State of Georgia by August 31, 2007. This report should include a comprehensive climate action plan incorporating the following:
 - (1) A recommendation for reduction in greenhouse gas emission levels in Georgia to levels 10 percent below 1990 levels by 2010.
 - (2) A recommendation for how the burden of reduction in greenhouse gases should be shared among consumers, transportation, industrial, commercial, institutional and residential sectors.
 - (3) A recommendation for establishing a system of mandatory reporting of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions not currently reported.
 - (4) A recommendation for how the State of Georgia can lead by example by:
 - (i) Developing a plan to purchase at least 15 percent of the electricity it needs to run state facilities from clean, renewable sources such as wind, geothermal, and solar power.

(ii) Developing a plan to reduce the state government's energy use by at least 15 percent overall by 2010.

(5) An assessment of how global climate change will likely impact the State of Georgia's water resources and a recommendation for how best to protect those resources for drinking water supply, agriculture, and wildlife.

(b) Recommending that the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority make recommendations on how to develop long-term regional and state-wide plans for controlling and reducing sprawl and how best to incorporate assessment of how developments of regional or state-wide impact will increase or decrease emissions of carbon dioxide and to make a recommendation to the Governor and the Georgia General Assembly for control of sprawl state-wide.

(c) Recommend that the Georgia Department of Economic Development make recommendations and develop an action plan for the creation a major state initiative to attract sustainable energy technology industry to Georgia and incubate existing and potential local sustainable energy technology companies, thereby stimulating job growth and investment in the State of Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of Atlanta supports effective actions by the Mayor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Council of the City of Atlanta recommends that the Mayor take effective actions that include but are not limited to:

(a) An assessment of the City-owned buildings and facilities, including, but not limited to Atlanta City Hall to determine actions that will make each building more energy efficient so as to decrease energy consumption.

(b) Expand the number and types of items that the City's recycling program will recycle when such opportunities arise, including, but not limited to contract renewals of the City's recycling vendor, or when new contracts are put out for bid, to conduct various aspects of the City's recycling program.

(c) Make appropriate changes to increase recycling in Atlanta City Hall .

(d) When constructing new City buildings or facilities construct them at to meet or exceed the Green level of LEEDS certification.

(e) Educate the residents and customers of the City of Atlanta on actions they can take in their daily activities to conserve energy and reduce the human causes of global warming.

(f) Utilize Cable Channel 26 to educate and support citizens' attempts to reduce global warming.

(g) Develop a plan to reduce the City of Atlanta's energy use by at least 15 percent overall by 2010.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.