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RESOLUTION NUMBER 1029

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND, TO ENDORSE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE COOL CAPITAL CHALLENGE

WHEREAS, Greenbelt is a participating jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG); and

WHEREAS, COG is developing a Regional Climate Change Initiative and has created the Climate Change Steering Committee to further that effort; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Steering Committee is reviewing local actions that provide working models of greenhouse gas reduction initiatives that reinforce other high-priority policy objectives, stimulate private actions by businesses and citizens, and encourage regional and even national leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Cool Capital Challenge is a grassroots campaign that unites individuals, governments, schools, congregations, businesses, and other institutions to reduce the National Capital Region's annual carbon dioxide emissions, with a goal of obtaining commitments for collectively reducing a total of one billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions by April 2008; and

WHEREAS, several COG jurisdictions have already joined the Cool Capital Challenge or are considering joining; and

WHEREAS, the COG Climate Change Steering Committee believes that local government participation in the Cool Capital Challenge offers an opportunity to reach out to the general public and private sector and to coordinate governmental actions with existing regional climate change activities; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Change Steering Committee is charged with developing a regional greenhouse gas emission reduction goal, and the Cool Capital Challenge provides a framework towards meeting that goal; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt has begun several sustainability efforts that may impact climate change. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Greenbelt, Maryland that the Council endorses the Cool Capital Challenge's goal of reducing greenhouse gases in the region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager be authorized and directed to:

- a. Transmit this resolution to the Cool Capital Challenge;

- b. Develop an implementation plan detailing how Greenbelt will commence reducing greenhouse emissions; and
- c. Communicate a pledge enumerating the total tons of greenhouse emissions reduced by April 2008 by this implementation plan.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, at its regular meeting of March 24, 2008.

Judith F. Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk