

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - 043

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO CURB GLOBAL WARMING, PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE CAUSES AND IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE; AGREEING IN SPIRIT TO THE U.S. MAYORS CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT, AND CALLING FOR CONTINUING AND NEW ACTIONS TOWARD ACHIEVING THOSE GOALS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, in 2003 the American Geophysical Union adopted a Statement noting that human activities are increasingly altering the Earth climate and that natural influences cannot explain the rapid increase in near-surface temperatures observed during the second half of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) reviewed and declared global warming a real problem caused in part by the actions of humankind; and

WHEREAS, the International Panel on Climate Change has determined that stabilizing concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere will require emission reductions in excess of 60% of current emissions, and the Kyoto Protocol is a modest first step in the direction of those reductions; and

WHEREAS, local actions can help to pave the way for national leadership, by providing working models of greenhouse gas reduction initiatives that reinforce other high-priority policy objectives; 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 local government, its businesses and its residents; and

WHEREAS, 96 cities in the United States and over 400 cities throughout the world are inventorying greenhouse gas emissions and adopting reduction targets; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches desires to support the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, sponsored by ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability, to curb global warming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

Section 1. The above referenced recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches hereby supports the ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign (CCP) to curb global warming.

Section 3. The Town Council hereby pledges to promote public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change.

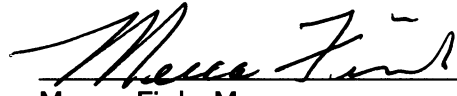
Section 4. The Town Council hereby agrees in spirit to the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and the Cities for Climate Protection Program's 5 milestones to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout the community and calls for continuing and new actions toward achieving those goals.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 8th day of February 2007, on a motion by Vice Mayor Don Maines and seconded by Council Member Aster Knight.

Fink	<u>Y</u>	Ayes	<u>5</u>
Maines	<u>Y</u>	Nays	<u>0</u>
Breitkreuz	<u>Y</u>	Absent	<u>0</u>
Knight	<u>Y</u>	Abstaining	<u>0</u>
Nelson	<u>Y</u>		

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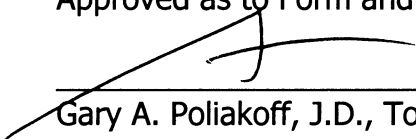
Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:



Susan A. Owens, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney

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