

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2008-823

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
3 COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA,
4 RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP IN THE
5 INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR LOCAL
6 ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES (ICLEI) AND THE CITIES
7 FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION® CAMPAIGN;
8 ESTABLISHING MILESTONES; REQUESTING
9 ASSISTANCE FROM ICLEI'S CITIES FOR CLIMATE
10 PROTECTION® CAMPAIGN; PROVIDING FOR
11 REPRESENTATION ON THE ICLEI; PROVIDING FOR
12 SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
13 DATE.

14 WHEREAS, scientific consensus has developed that carbon dioxide (CO₂) and
15 other greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere have a profound effect on the
16 Earth's climate; and

17 WHEREAS, the 2007 Fourth Assessment Report from the Intergovernmental
18 Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) states that it is very likely that most of the observed
19 increases in globally averaged temperatures since the mid-20th century are due to
20 human-induced greenhouse gas emissions; and

21 WHEREAS, on March 6, 2007, Florida Governor Charlie Crist announced in his
22 State of the State Address: "Florida is more vulnerable to rising ocean levels and
23 violent weather patterns than any other state"; and

24 WHEREAS, on June 12, 2007, the Broward County Board of County
Commissioners passed Resolution 2007-391 in support of the U.S. Conference of
Mayors in its efforts to reduce each local government's contribution to climate pollution
through lower greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, at the request of the Administration, the National Academy
of Sciences (NAS) reviewed and declared global warming a real problem likely due to
human activities; and

1 WHEREAS, 162 countries including the United States pledged under the United
2 Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce their greenhouse gas
3 emissions; and

4 WHEREAS, energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, accounts
5 for more than 80% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions; and

6 WHEREAS, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas
7 emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing
8 air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the
9 local government, its businesses, and its residents; and

10 WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign sponsored by ICLEI –
11 Local Governments for Sustainability has invited Broward County to join ICLEI and
12 become a partner in the Cities and Counties Climate Protection Program; and

13 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County finds it to be
14 in the best interest of the residents of Broward County to join the ICLEI and the Cities
15 for Climate Protection® Campaign; NOW, THEREFORE,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
18 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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20 Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the Mayor of
21 Broward County to sign on to ICLEI as a full member and pledges to take a leadership
22 role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change.

1 Section 2. Broward County will undertake ICLEI's five milestones to reduce
2 both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout the community and staff
3 will provide cost estimates associated with the implementation of the milestones:

- 4 • Conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and forecast to determine
5 the source and quantity of greenhouse gas emissions in the jurisdiction;
- 6 • Establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target;
- 7 • Develop an action plan with both existing and future actions which, when
8 implemented, will meet the local greenhouse gas reduction target;
- 9 • Implement the action plan; and
- 10 • Monitor and report progress.

11 Section 3. Broward County requests assistance from ICLEI's Cities for Climate
12 Protection® Campaign as it progresses through the milestones.

13 Section 4: The Broward County Climate Change Task Force Chair shall serve
14 as ICLEI's Political Leader and Key Liaison for issues related to voting on ICLEI
15 matters.

16 Section 5. SEVERABILITY.

17 If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any Court to be invalid, the
18 invalid portion shall be stricken, and such striking shall not affect the validity of the
19 remainder of this Resolution. If any Court determines that this Resolution, or any
20 portion hereof, cannot be legally applied to any individual(s), group(s), entity(ies),
21 property(ies), or circumstance(s), such determination shall not affect the applicability
22 hereof to any other individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

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Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.
ADOPTED this 13th day November, 2008.

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