

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE SUPPORTING THE
INTERNATIONAL KYOTO PROTOCOL AGREEMENT AND ENDORSING THE US
MAYORS CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors has previously adopted strong policy resolutions calling for cities, communities and the federal government to take actions to reduce global warming pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the international community's most respected assemblage of scientists, is clear that there is no longer any credible doubt that climate disruption is a reality and that human activities are largely responsible for increasing concentrations of global warming pollution; and

WHEREAS, recent, well-documented impacts of climate disruption include average global sea level increases of four to eight inches during the 20th century; a 40 percent decline in Arctic sea-ice thickness; and nine of the ten hottest years on record occurring in the past decade; and

WHEREAS, climate disruption of the magnitude now predicted by the scientific community will cause extremely costly disruption of human and natural systems throughout the world including: increasing risk of floods or droughts; sea-level rises that interact with costal storms to erode beaches, inundate land, and damage structures; more frequent and extreme heat waves, more frequent and greater concentrations of smog; and

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2005, the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement to address climate disruption, entered into force in the 141 countries that have ratified it to date; 38 of those countries are now legally required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on average 5.2 percent below 1990 levels by 2012; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, with less than five percent of the world's population, is responsible for producing approximately 25 percent of the world's global warming pollutants, yet is not a party to the Kyoto Protocol; and

WHEREAS, the Kyoto Protocol emissions reduction target for the U.S, had it ratified the treaty, would have been 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012; and

WHEREAS, many leading U.S. companies that have adopted greenhouse gas reduction programs to demonstrate corporate social responsibility have also publicly expressed preference for the U.S. to adopt precise and mandatory emissions targets and timetables as a means by which to remain competitive in the international marketplace, to mitigate financial risk and to promote sound investment decisions; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emission reduction targets and programs and that this leadership is bipartisan, coming from Republican and Democratic governors and mayors alike; and

WHEREAS, many cities throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing global warming pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, and economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, mayors from around the nation have signed the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement;

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Springdale:

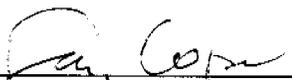
1. We urge the federal government, the government of the State of Utah and the legislative bodies of the communities of Washington County to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol target of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012, including efforts to: reduce the United States' dependence on fossil fuels and accelerate the development of clean, economical energy resources and fuel-efficient technologies such as conservation, methane recovery for energy generation, wind and solar energy, fuel cells, efficient motor vehicles, and biofuels;
2. We urge the U.S. Congress to pass the bipartisan Climate Stewardship Act, sponsored by Senators McCain and Lieberman and Representatives Gilchrist and Olver, which would create a flexible, market-based system of tradable allowances among emitting industries;
3. We will strive to meet or exceed Kyoto Protocol targets for reducing global warming pollution by taking the following actions in Town operations:
 - a. Inventory global warming emissions in Town operations and in the community, set reduction targets and create a strategic action plan to meet target levels.
 - b. Review existing land use ordinances and policies and, where necessary, revise, adopt and enforce new policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space, and create a walkable community.
 - c. Promote transportation options in the community and region such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for car pooling and public transit;
 - d. Increase the use of clean, alternative energy by purchasing energy produced through clean sources such as Rocky Mountain Power's Blue Sky program.
 - e. Advocate for the development of renewable energy resources, including wind and solar energy, biofuels and methane recovery for energy production.
 - f. Revise building design guidelines and standards to accommodate, and promote the use of, alternative energy sources such as cooling towers and solar energy collectors.
 - g. Make energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting town facilities with energy efficient lighting (compact

- fluorescent or LED) and urging employees to conserve energy and save money;
- h. Purchase only Energy Star equipment and appliances for Town use;
 - i. Practice and promote sustainable building practices using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program or similar system;
 - j. Increase the average fuel efficiency of Town vehicles and, where practical, replace vehicles with hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles;
 - k. Evaluate opportunities to increase pump efficiency in water and wastewater systems;
 - l. Facilitate a Town-wide recycling program and increase recycling rates in Town operations and in the community;
 - m. Maintain a healthy urban forest and promote tree planting to increase shading and absorb CO2 through Arbor Day and Earth Day programs and activities;
 - n. Assist in developing educational programming for use in the Canyon Community Center, Springdale Elementary School, Town newsletters and other media on reducing global warming pollution;
 - o. Develop an award or recognition program to recognize the efforts of individuals and businesses in the community to reduce global warming pollutants;
 - p. Develop a "Green Springdale" logo to aid in the promotion of efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
4. We support the efforts of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and endorse the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and urge the other communities in Washington County and the State of Utah to do the same.

Passed and adopted this 11th day of April 2007.


Pat Cluff, Mayor

Attest:


Fay Cope, Town Clerk