

## **RESOLUTION NO. 08-084, SERIES 2008**

### **RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE YOLO COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION COMPACT**

**WHEREAS**, consensus exists among the world's leading scientists that global warming caused by human emission of greenhouse gases is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

**WHEREAS**, documented impacts of global warming include but are not limited to increased occurrences of extreme weather events (i.e., droughts and floods), adverse impacts on plants and wildlife habitats, threats to food and water supplies – all of which have economic and social impacts on communities and their local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California has mandated statewide reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050 and will look to local governments for a contribution to meeting this goal; and

**WHEREAS**, county and city governments and special districts have a unique role to play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change through their jurisdictions over policy areas such as air quality, land use planning, transportation, zoning, urban forest preservation, water conservation, public education programs, and wastewater and solid waste management; and

**WHEREAS**, school boards play a critical role in reducing energy usage in school buildings and vehicles, as well as in educating students, staff, and faculty about climate change and what individuals can do to address it; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of California at Davis has significant knowledge and expertise on the subject of climate change, and has a mission to translate this knowledge and experience into the local community; and

**WHEREAS**, the county, cities, school districts and special districts can benefit from coordinating policies and programs, as appropriate and as determined by each jurisdiction, to reduce energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions, and this coordination can result in increased effectiveness of these programs for the citizens of Yolo County; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic arguments for implementing climate solutions are compelling, from the near-term economic gains of energy efficiency to the long-term climate stabilization that can prevent irreparable harm from catastrophic climate change impacts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Davis joins the Yolo County Climate Change Compact and pledges to take appropriate steps to:

1. Create an inventory of government (operational) energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions; and

2. Establish a goal of reducing this energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions to be determined by future Council action; and
3. Develop a plan to meet these goals and targets; and
4. Implement policies, programs and operations to carry out the plan, including regular monitoring of progress towards the goals, and adjustments as necessary to meet the targets; and
5. Develop and implement a program to inventory energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions within the community, establish reduction targets, and take a leadership role to implement a plan to meet those targets; and
6. Work cooperatively with the members of the Yolo County Climate Action Compact to identify and implement, as appropriate and as determined by each jurisdiction, climate action policies and programs; and
7. Engage the citizenry in enlisting individual effort and promoting personal responsibility in reducing the impact of global warming/climate change through energy and water conservation, purchasing sustainable products, utilizing mass transportation modes, and other beneficial practices; and
8. Annually revisit and re-commit to this effort by measuring the effectiveness of current efforts, revising where appropriate and reporting to the citizenry and other local government entities on the overall success of individual county/city/school/special district programs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Davis this tenth day of June, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES: Asmundson, Heystek, Saylor, Souza, Greenwald

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Sue Greenwald  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Zoe S. Mirabile, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk