

RESOLUTION NUMBER 07-130

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO RESOLVING TO JOIN ICLEI AS A FULL MEMBER AND PARTICIPATE IN THE CITIES FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION CAMPAIGN AND, AS A PARTICIPANT, PLEDGES TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE CAUSES AND IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

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

WHEREAS, in 2006 the U.S. National Climatic Data Center confirmed clear evidence of human influences on climate due to changes in greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors endorsed the 2005 U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement initiated by Seattle Mayor Nickels and signed by 294 mayors in the United States as of September 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Environmental Accords adopted by local government delegates during UN World Environment Day 2005 call for reduced emissions through energy efficiency, land use and transportation planning, waste reduction, and wiser energy management; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the American Geophysical Union adopted a Statement noting that human activities are increasingly altering the Earth's 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, at the request of the Administration, 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 2001 Third Assessment Report from the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the 2000 U.S. Global Change Research Program's (USGCRP) First National Assessment indicate that global warming has begun; and

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

WHEREAS, energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, accounts for more than 80% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions; 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, the Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign sponsored by ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability has invited the City to join ICLEI and become a partner in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ketchum, Idaho will join ICLEI as a Full Member and participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and, as a participant, pledges to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change.

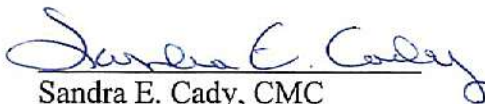
This Resolution will be in full force and effect upon its adoption this 15th day of October, 2007.

CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO



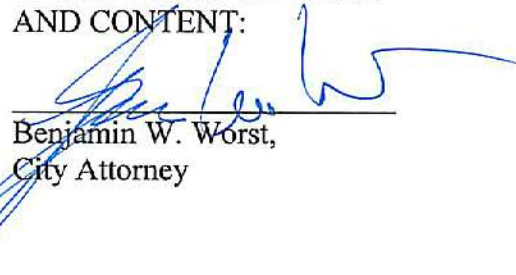
Randy Hall, Mayor

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Sandra E. Cady, CMC
City Treasurer/Clerk

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AND CONTENT:



Benjamin W. Worst,
City Attorney



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