

1 [SF Climate Challenge]

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3 **Resolution to support public participation in the SF Climate Challenge and to name**
4 **October 25, 2007 SF Climate Challenge Day, with the goal of reducing energy use in**
5 **City residences, thereby reducing the emission of greenhouse gases which cause**
6 **global warming.**

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8 WHEREAS, Global warming is a critical environmental problem resulting from the
9 emission of greenhouse gases;

10 WHEREAS, Cities are the largest emitters of greenhouse gases, including carbon
11 dioxide (CO₂); and,

12 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco is at the forefront of municipal efforts to combat
13 global warming; and

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15 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has established a target of
16 reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 20% below 1990 levels by the year 2012; and,

17 WHEREAS, The vast majority of electricity in the State of California is generated by
18 the burning of fossil fuels, which releases greenhouse gases; and,

19 WHEREAS, Approximately 20% of the CO₂ emissions from the City of San Francisco
20 result from residential energy consumption; and,

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22 WHEREAS, The SF Climate Challenge is a local initiative of the SF Department of the
23 Environment, the Sierra Club, and a local non-profit One Atmosphere, the purpose of which is
24 to encourage San Franciscans to reduce the amount of energy they consume in their homes
25 and thereby reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and,

1 WHEREAS, The SF Climate Challenge is a contest wherein teams of households
2 compete to reduce their electricity and gas consumption by the greatest amount during one
3 month; and,

4 WHEREAS, An initiative such as the SF Climate Challenge gives San Franciscans the
5 opportunity to make a significant difference together by each making small lasting changes in
6 the way they consume energy in their homes; and,

7 WHEREAS, Meaningful results can be achieved by encouraging widespread
8 participation by local public and private organizations, such as schools, businesses, and
9 community organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, The competition period starts on October 25, 2007: and therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco endorses the SF Climate
12 Challenge's efforts to encourage the city-wide conservation of energy in residences as a
13 means to combat climate change; and, be it,
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15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco encourages
16 participation in the contest by residents of San Francisco and the formation of teams to
17 compete in the contest by private and public organizations, including City Departments; and,
18 be it,
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20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will support the
21 SF Climate Challenge by recognizing teams of households that are successful in the
22 competition in terms of energy saved and level of participation, and, be it,
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24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the start for date of the competition, October 25th 2007,
25 is hereby named SF Climate Challenge Day.



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Resolution

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September 25, 2007 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Elsbernd, Maxwell, Mirkarimi, Peskin,
Sandoval, Chu

Absent: 1 - Dufty

Excused: 1 - McGoldrick

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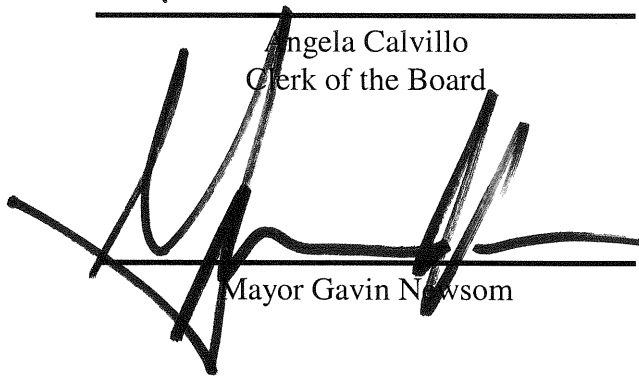
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 25, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

10/02/2007

Date Approved



Mayor Gavin Newsom