

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-32

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Spokane
regarding the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign

WHEREAS, a scientific consensus has arisen that Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases (ghg) released into the atmosphere will have a profound effect on the Earth's climate; and

WHEREAS, scientific evidence indicates that global warming is already beginning, with the 1990's and 1980's the hottest and second hottest decades in recorded history; and

WHEREAS, based on the scientific evidence, the United States has pledged along with 160 countries under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, e.g.: coal, oil and gas, accounts for more than 80% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, local governments greatly influence their community's energy usage by exercising key powers over land use, transportation, building construction, waste management, and, in many cases, energy supply and management; and

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

WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, sponsored by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has invited the City Spokane to become a partner in the Campaign;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SPOKANE, that the City Council commends City Departments for their past and current energy-efficiency improvements, including:

- Employee energy efficiency training
- Energy data collection and building audits
- LED signal light change out
- Wastewater Treatment Plant energy enhancements
- Water Department pump replacements

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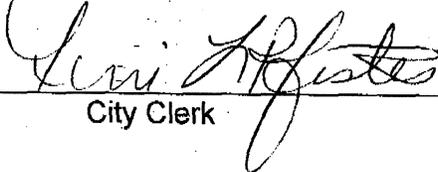
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- Methane energy generation at both the sewage treatment plant and the north side Landfill

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SPOKANE, that the City of Spokane pledges to join with jurisdictions from all over the world in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and as a participant in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, the City of Spokane will do the following:

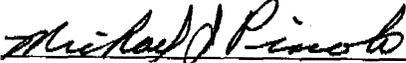
1. Take a leadership role in increasing energy efficiency and conservation by promoting public awareness of the effects of greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Gather existing data on greenhouse gas emissions from such agencies as SCAPCA, SRTC and the WSDOE.
3. Prepare an informational brochure to promote public awareness describing the effects of greenhouse gases on the earth's climate and ways the community can contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gases.
4. Continue to monitor technology and search for economically feasible alternatives to fossil fuels.

Adopted this 7th day of May, 2001.



City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Assistant City Attorney