



RESOLUTION NO. 2011-91

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF FRESNO, SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE CLEAN AND ENERGY EFFICIENT MOTOR VEHICLES, ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, ZERO EMISSION TECHNOLOGIES AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE IN CALIFORNIA.

WHEREAS, California is experiencing a public health crisis due to poor air quality, with over 90% of Californians living in areas that exceed federal health-based ozone standards; and exposure to elevated levels of ozone and other pollutants such as particulate matter annually contributes to hundreds of thousands of asthma attacks and tens of thousands of hospitalizations and premature deaths due to heart and lung disease; and recent research conducted by the RAND Corporation found that hospital care related to elevated pollution levels in California cost nearly \$200 million from 2005 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of global climate change are projected to compound this air quality and public health crisis; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicles are significant emitters of ozone precursors, particulates and air toxics, and the single largest anthropogenic source of global warming causing greenhouse gas emissions in California; and

WHEREAS, California's dependence on petroleum for 97 percent of its transportation needs and its reliance on imported oil leaves California susceptible to volatile pricing and supply disruptions; and

WHEREAS, California has been a national leader in advancing cleaner vehicle technologies by developing and implementing motor vehicle regulations; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature enacted AB 1493 (Pavley, 2002) directing the California Air Resources Board to adopt regulations to achieve the maximum feasible and cost-effective reduction in greenhouse gases from passenger vehicles, and the California Air Resources Board adopted clean vehicle regulations in 2004; and

WHEREAS, thirteen other states and Washington D.C. have adopted California's regulations, and in coordination with America's automobile manufacturers, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Transportation have based new national standards on California's clean car regulations; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the California Air Resources Board plans to develop and adopt new vehicle regulations to reduce criteria air pollutants and promote the development and deployment of zero emission vehicle technology options for consumers; and

WHEREAS, strengthening California's motor vehicle programs will improve California's air quality, promote energy independence, support new jobs and investments in clean technology, and will continue California's long history of national leadership on air quality and environmental policy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Fresno urges the State of California and the California Air Resources Board to continue its national and international leadership role in reducing greenhouse gases and promoting clean vehicle technologies by moving forward quickly to develop and adopt expanded Low Emission Vehicle (LEV III) standards to reduce criteria air pollutants and greenhouse gases and to strengthen the state's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) and Clean Fuels Outlet (CFO) infrastructure programs to protect the health of California's economy, environment and its people.

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Approved 5/19/11
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the 19th day of May, 2011.

AYES : Baines, Olivier, Quintero, Xiong, Brand
NOES : Westerlund
ABSENT : Borgeas
ABSTAIN : None

REBECCA E. KLISCH
City Clerk

BY: Rebecca E. Klisch

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

BY: [Signature] 5/19/11