

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
TO RECOGNIZE THE MERITS OF "GOING GREEN"
AND
ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENDA
TO HELP ADDRESS THE NATION'S ENERGY AND
ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES
AND
IMPROVE OUR TOWN**

WHEREAS, in recent years, our nation has faced unprecedented energy challenges, including rapidly escalating energy costs and critical choices about energy resources that will affect the nation's future economic well-being and security; and

WHEREAS, many local government leaders are concerned that high energy costs have a direct and substantial impact on the economic well-being of local economies, including an adverse impact on local governments who rely on energy to carry out critical municipal operations, on working families who must contribute higher percentages of family incomes towards the payment of energy bills. and on local businesses who experience increases in the cost of doing business as a result of higher energy prices; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2008, the Town of Abingdon, Virginia and The Virginia Municipal League partnered in presenting a regional forum at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center showcasing "Best Practices To Observe in Going Green", in an effort to heighten awareness, inform, educate, support and assist other governmental entities in committing to similar programs; and

WHEREAS, the various departments comprising the Town of Abingdon, under the direct supervision of the Abingdon Town Manager, have since participated in the joint effort of examining and evaluating practices and compiling plans and setting goals for making progressive strides toward becoming "Green", more energy efficient, and/or environmentally friendly, thereby enhancing the quality of life for the entire population of the Town of Abingdon; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Abingdon have expressed interest in engaging in a variety of practices which could result in a positive environmental impact as well as afford tax break opportunities, substantial energy savings, business incentives and an enhanced, protected environment; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the members of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to further reinforce innovative planning and actions at the local level to help decrease energy costs, improve the environment and increase energy choices for municipalities, residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, it is further the intent of the members of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to increase their leadership roles in the effort to address the nation's energy challenges in an environmentally sustainable way and improve their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia recognizes that there are numerous opportunities for it to take action at the local municipal level, including, but not limited to, the following:

- REDUCING ENERGY USAGE;
- PROMOTING GREEN BUILDINGS;
- EXPANDING RESIDENTIAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE;
- EXPLORING & ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE;
- ENCOURAGING DIVERSITY IN ENERGY GENERATION;
- IMPROVING MUNICIPAL VEHICLE FLEETS;
- ENCOURAGING INCENTIVES FOR VEHICLE FUEL EFFICIENCY;
- INVESTING IN TRANSIT AND WALKABLE COMMUNITIES;
- SHARING EFFICIENT PRACTICES WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES;
- ENCOURAGING PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia is committed to increasing their leadership role in helping to address the nation's energy challenges from the local level; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there are numerous opportunities for the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia to initiate or expand upon actions at the local level to address said environmental and energy challenges and improve its community.

TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA

By: *Leiv H. Humphrey*
Mayor

By: *Rugron W. Kelly*
Town Manager

The undersigned clerk of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia (the "Town"), hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Council held on June 2, 2008. I hereby further certify that such meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing resolution, a quorum was present. I further certify that the minutes of such meeting reflect the attendance of the members and the voting on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Lois H. Humphreys	yes	aye
Robert M. Howard	yes	aye
Dr. French H. Moore, Jr.	yes	aye
Edward B. Morgan	yes	aye
Cathy Lowe	yes	aye

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Town of Abingdon as of June 2, 2008.

(SEAL)

Cecilia M. Rosenbaum
 Clerk, Town of Abingdon