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**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2008-62**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, ASKING AND ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF MARATHON TO CONSERVE ENERGY AND PROTECT OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT BY BECOMING MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS; RECOMMENDING FIVE STEPS FOR RESIDENTS TO TAKE NOW TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF REDUCING THEIR PERSONAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon (the "City") recognizes the importance of environmental stewardship of energy, water, land use, and waste; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and wishes to further promote the principles outlined therein; and

WHEREAS, a scientific consensus has developed that carbon dioxide (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, 162 countries, including the United States, pledged under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce their 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 City joined ICLEI as a Full Member and has agreed to 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; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon's Green Team has begun the process of undertaking the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign's five milestones to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout the community, and specifically to recommend concrete steps to begin that process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The City Council hereby recommends that each resident of the City take five steps now to begin the process of reducing greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions in the community:

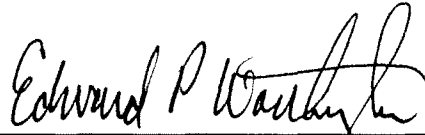
1. Change at least one incandescent light bulb to a CFL bulb;
2. Take a cloth bag to the supermarket and use it instead of a plastic bag;
3. Turn their home and business thermostats up by two degrees;
4. Recycle plastic bottles, aluminum and tin cans, corrugated cardboard and newspapers every week; and
5. Plant a tree at their home in the City of Marathon.

Section 3. The City Council hereby further encourages and asks all of the residents of the City to become more environmentally conscious and to reduce their own energy consumption.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida, this 29th day of April, 2008.

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA



Edward P. Worthington, Mayor

AYES: Bull, Cinque, Tempest, Vasil, Worthington
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:



Diane Clavier, City Clerk

(City Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA ONLY:



City Attorney