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**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-47**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF  
REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION UNDER THE CLEAN AIR  
ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the decade from 2000 to 2010 was the warmest on record, 2005 and 2010 tied for the hottest years on record; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency determined that current and future greenhouse gas concentrations endanger public health, and according to the Global Humanitarian Forum climate change is already responsible every year for some 300,000 deaths, 325 million people seriously affected, and economic losses worldwide of U.S. \$125 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, extreme weather events, most notably heat waves and precipitation extremes, are striking with increased frequency, with deadly consequences for people and wildlife; in the United States in 2011 alone, a record 14 weather and climate disasters occurred, including droughts, heat waves, and floods, that cost at least \$1 billion each in damages and loss of human lives; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change is affecting food security by reducing the growth and yields of important crops; droughts, floods and changes in snowpack are altering water supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, scientists have concluded that by 2100 as many as one in 10 species may be on the verge of extinction due to climate change; and

1           **WHEREAS**, rising sea levels, reduced snow pack in the Sierras, and extreme  
2 weather are issues that are beginning to affect the San Francisco Bay Area; sea level rise  
3 in the Bay Area is expected to increase by sixteen inches by 2050 and fifty-five inches by  
4 2100; and miles of shoreline and parks could be underwater, which could result in \$62  
5 billion worth of infrastructure damage in the Bay Area; and

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7           **WHEREAS**, by mid-century, the city could see three to four times as many  
8 extreme heat days as we do today with related increases in hospitalizations and deaths,  
9 especially for vulnerable populations of seniors, young children, low-income households;  
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12           **WHEREAS**, for four decades, the Clean Air Act has protected the air we breathe  
13 through a proven, comprehensive, successful system of pollution control that saves lives  
14 and creates economic benefits exceeding its costs by many times; and

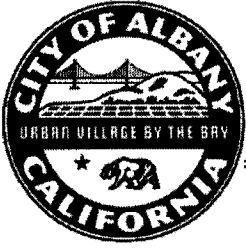
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16           **WHEREAS**, with the Clean Air Act, air quality in this country has improved  
17 significantly since 1970, despite major growth both in our economy and industrial  
18 production; and

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20           **WHEREAS**, between 1970 and 1990, the six main pollutants covered by the  
21 Clean Air Act — particulate matter and ground-level ozone, carbon monoxide, lead,  
22 sulfur and nitrogen oxides — were reduced by between 47 percent and 93 percent, and  
23 airborne lead was virtually eliminated; and

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25           **WHEREAS**, the Clean Air Act has produced economic benefits valued at \$2  
26 trillion or 30 times the cost of regulation; and

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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 3rd day of September, 2013, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Atkinson, Barnes, Maass, Vice Mayor Wile & Mayor Thomsen

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 4th  
day of September, 2013.

Eileen Harrington  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK