

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCLAIMING) RESOLUTION NO. 09-4080A
OCTOBER 24, 2009 AS A GLOBAL DAY OF)
CLIMATE ACTION AND RECOGNIZING THE) Introduced by Councilor
NUMBER 350 AS A MESSAGE TO THE) Rex Burkholder
COPENHAGEN CONFERENCE ON)
CLIMATE CHANGE)

WHEREAS, the Metro Council is working to address the threat of global climate change by reducing carbon emissions from transportation, land use, solid waste and other factors; and

WHEREAS, despite significant effort on the part of Metro and its regional partners efforts to date have at best only stabilized emissions; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon has established preliminary goals that call for reducing emissions by 75 percent from 1990 levels; and

WHEREAS, to achieve those goals will require significantly greater public awareness, education, involvement and action; and

WHEREAS, October 24th has been declared a Day of Climate Action to bring attention to the number 350 because many scientists suggest that 350 parts per million of carbon in the atmosphere should be an international goal; and

WHEREAS, public education and action events are planned by groups of people in nations all over the world, in the United States, and throughout the state of Oregon; and

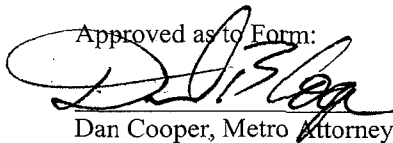
WHEREAS, in the Portland region, the list of events scheduled for the Day of Climate Action include: a kayak and canoe formation of the number 350 on the Willamette; Students, bicyclists, and walkers supporting the 350-mile coastal trek; Families and concerned individuals convening in Pioneer Square, where performers and speakers will help to mark this special day; and

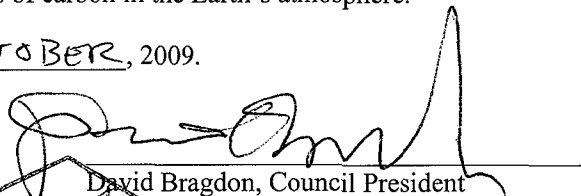
WHEREAS, Metro's efforts to plan for a region that supports appropriate land use, waste reduction, walking, biking, and public transport are in accordance with 350.org's mission of prompting public education and awareness and of reducing global carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, A Global Day of Climate Action will help raise awareness of the significance of global climate change and encourage residents to take action.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of the need for action on climate change, the Metro Council proclaims the day of October 24, 2009 as a Global Day of Climate Action and encourages citizens to send a message to the Copenhagen Conference to reduce levels of carbon in the Earth's atmosphere.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 22 day of OCTOBER, 2009.

Approved as to Form:

Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney


David Bragdon, Council President

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WHEREAS, 350 is the number scientists have determined is the safe level of carbon dioxide parts per million for our atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, the current level of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere stands at 389 parts per million and rising; and

WHEREAS, the number 350 appears in the draft Copenhagen treaty, and the organization 350.org wants that most important number to remain in the final treaty; and

WHEREAS, action events are planned by groups of people in nations all over the world, in the United States, and throughout the state of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, in Portland, the list of "350" events is growing daily. Events already scheduled for the October 24th Day of Climate Action in the Portland area include: a kayak and canoe formation of the number "350" on the Willamette; Students, bicyclists, and walkers supporting the 350-mile coastal trek; Families and concerned individuals convening in Pioneer Square, where performers and speakers will help to mark this special day; and

WHEREAS, Metro’s efforts to plan for a region that supports walking, biking, and public transport as alternatives to the automobile are in accordance with 350.org’s mission of reducing global carbon emissions. A Global Day of Climate Action will help raise awareness of the significance of global climate change and encourage residents to take action.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of the need for action on climate change, the Metro Council proclaims the day of October 24, 2009 as a Global Day of Climate Action and encourages citizens to use the number 350 to send a message to the Copenhagen Conference to reduce levels of carbon in the Earth’s atmosphere.

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