

RESOLUTION NO. 11-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD'S LEADERSHIP IN PROMOTING 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 under its federal Clean Air Act authority; 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 the Obama Administration and 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 2010, the California Air Resources Board plans to develop and adopt new regulations to reduce vehicle emissions of criteria air pollutants and greenhouse gases and to promote the development and deployment of clean fuel infrastructure and 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, help California achieve its goal of reducing global warming emissions, and will continue California's long history of national leadership on air quality and environmental policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town of Fairfax urges the State of California and the California Air Resources Board to continue their 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.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 6th day of April, 2011 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

LARRY BRAGMAN, MAYOR

Attest:

Town Clerk