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RESOLUTION NO. 05-0827

County of Sonoma
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Dated: September 27, 2005

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, JOINING THE NINE CITIES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY-WIDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION TARGET

WHEREAS, actions taken by local government to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by improving air quality and public health, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the local government, its businesses, and its residents; and

WHEREAS, local governments greatly influence the community's energy usage through their actions concerning land use, transportation, construction, waste management, energy supply, and energy management; and

WHEREAS, increased temperatures due to higher greenhouse gas levels in the atmosphere threaten to adversely impact water quality and supply, to exacerbate air quality problems, and to adversely impact human health by increasing heat stress and related deaths, the incidence of infectious disease, and the risk of asthma, respiratory and other health problems; and

WHEREAS, California has taken a leadership role in climate protection by implementing the motor vehicle greenhouse gas emission reduction regulations, implementing the Renewable Portfolio Standard, implementing the most effective building and appliance efficiency standards in the world, and on June 1, 2005, establishing greenhouse gas reduction targets for the State: by 2010 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 2000 levels, by 2020 reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels, and by 2050 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma County has taken a leadership role in climate protection by being the first county in the nation where 100 percent of its cities and the County pledged by resolution to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout the community, and by being the first county in the nation where 100 percent of its cities and the County determined their baseline greenhouse gas emissions for municipal operations; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sonoma on August 20, 2002, resolved to be part of Cities for Climate Protection and follow its five milestone program, and established a greenhouse gas emission reduction target for its internal operations of 20 percent below 2000 levels by 2010; and

WHEREAS on May 21, 2005, thirty-two representatives from Sonoma's nine cities and the County considered targets for the community and consequently recommended that the cities

and the County adopt a target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 25 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2015; and

WHEREAS each of the nine cities in Sonoma County has adopted a resolution to reduce greenhouse gas emissions produced community wide 25 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Sonoma agrees to join the nine cities in the establishment of a climate protection target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions produced community wide to 25 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2015.

SUPERVISORS:

Brown absent Smith aye Kelley no Reilly aye Kerns aye

Ayes 3 Noes 1 Abstain _____ Absent 1

SO ORDERED