

**RESOLUTION NO. 614**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING GREENHOUSE GAS  
REDUCTION POLICIES FOR THE  
CITY OF WOODLAND**

**Recitals**

**WHEREAS**, climate disruption of the magnitude now predicted by many in the scientific community threatens to cause an extremely costly disruption of human and natural systems throughout the world including: increased the risk of floods or droughts; sea-level rises that interact with coastal storms to erode beaches, inundate land and damage property; and more frequent and extreme heat waves and more frequent and greater concentration of smog; and

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the international community's most respected assemblage of scientists, has found that climate disruption is a reality and that human activities are largely responsible for increasing concentrations of greenhouse gas pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, many local governments throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing the production of global warming pollutants through programs that provide economic and quality of life benefits, such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, and economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy; and

**WHEREAS**, many leading U.S. companies have adopted greenhouse gas reduction programs to demonstrate corporate social responsibility and have also publicly expressed a preference for the U.S. to adopt precise and mandatory emissions targets and timetables as a means by which to remain competitive in the international marketplace, to mitigate financial risk and to promote sound investment decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007 and in 2008 the Washington State Legislature, through Engrossed Substitute Senate Bills 6001 and 6580 respectively, enacted legislation that includes aggressive goals for economy-wide reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and stringent performance standards to address climate change impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Ecology is taking steps to assure climate change considerations are incorporated into environmental review under the State Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) Checklist and have established a Climate Advisory Team to clarify SEPA rules to include climate issues; and

**WHEREAS**, all state agencies must consider whether cities receiving capital funds have adopted policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions per RCW 70.235.070; and

**And, WHEREAS**, the City Council finds the adoption of this resolution to be in the public's interest;

**Resolution**

**NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Woodland as follows:**

The City of Woodland hereby adopts the following policies as described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, for the benefit of the city's natural resources and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

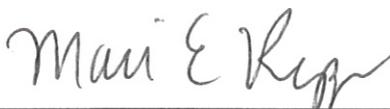
ADOPTED in an Open Public Meeting this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012

**CITY OF WOODLAND, WASHINGTON.**

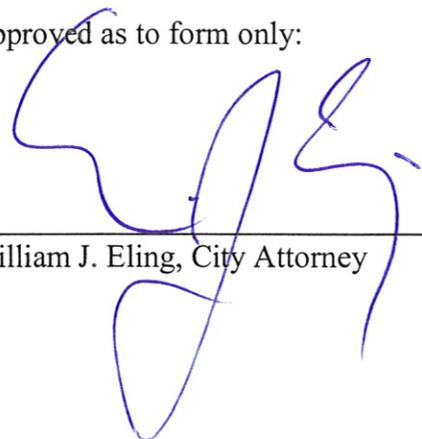
Approved:

  
Grover B. Laseke, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form only:

  
William J. Eling, City Attorney