

**THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION ON ENERGY SECURITY AND CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP**

WHEREAS, The Council of State Governments (CSG) is concerned about the potential impact of climate change;

WHEREAS, U.S. state governments have taken the lead in developing climate policies;

WHEREAS, there is strong support and expectation for federal action addressing climate change;

WHEREAS, federal action could spur innovation and investment in low-carbon technologies which could create new economic opportunities and stimulate job growth in various sectors;

WHEREAS, the U.S. federal government should craft a comprehensive national response to climate change while protecting the economy and lifestyle of its citizens;

WHEREAS, federal action should reflect the availability and cost effective deployment of GHG-reducing technologies;

WHEREAS, federal action should apply to all sectors of the economy and address emissions from all sectors without disproportionately affecting any individual or regional sector;

WHEREAS, climate change is a global issue that requires global solutions and requires participation of the entire world economy, including China and India.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that CSG strongly urges Congress and the Administration to act in close partnership with state governments as they establish a market-based approach to help the U.S. achieve GHG-reduction targets, while maintaining the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturing and industry in respect to foreign competition;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CSG urges Congress to adopt policies that involve all sectors of the economy and all sources of GHG;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CSG urges Congress and the Administration to encourage state efforts to reduce GHG emissions by providing additional funding and incentives for research into renewable energy, the adoption of carbon capture and storage technology, advanced nuclear designs, increased energy efficiency and conservation, and increased carbon sequestration from U.S. forests and agricultural lands;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CSG strongly urges the federal government to engage the international community in the development of an international plan to address climate change that establishes clear GHG emission reduction targets for all;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted, January 2009, to the members of the U.S. House of Representatives Committees on Energy and Commerce,

Natural Resources, Science and Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Agriculture, and the U.S. Senate Committees on Agriculture, Commerce, Environment and Public Works, and Energy and Natural Resources; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted, in January 2009, to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Governor of each state, and the Secretaries of the United States Departments of Agriculture, Transportation, Commerce, Interior, State, Energy, Health and Human Services, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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Rep. Kim Koppelman
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