

RESOLUTION NO. 010607

Urging the President and the Congress of the United States to pursue policies and strategies that will promote energy conservation and invest in energy efficiency as the centerpiece of a new national energy policy for the United States, in order to assure a healthy, globally-competitive, and secure economy.

WHEREAS, energy supply and energy prices are issues of great concern in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States, the state of Missouri, and the Kansas City region are increasingly dependent on fossil fuels as principal sources of energy; and

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri and the Kansas City region are not energy producing regions, but instead are net energy importers, with literally billions of dollars flowing out of our state and local economies each year for energy; and

WHEREAS, combustion of fossil fuels results in emission of greenhouse gases which contribute to global warming; and

WHEREAS, combustion of fossil fuels results in ozone precursors and other harmful air emissions that have a detrimental impact on human health, and threaten the continued compliance of the Kansas City region with national ambient air quality standards established under the Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS, the United States is increasingly dependent on foreign sources for petroleum; and

WHEREAS, such dependence is a potential threat to national security; and

WHEREAS, development of new supplies of fossil fuels will likely require greater energy inputs for each additional unit of energy recovered, as well as significant actual and potential damage to natural ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, renewable sources of energy, including solar, wind, biomass, and hydro, are sustainable, are becoming more cost competitive with fossil fuels, and are potentially widely available; and

WHEREAS, energy conservation and energy efficiency are the most readily-available source of new energy "supply," are highly cost-effective, are available wherever energy is used, and are contributors to the local economy because they create jobs and reduce net economic outflows for energy; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of energy conservation and energy efficiency can be achieved

incrementally, can be realized immediately, and yield dividends continuously into the future; and

WHEREAS, energy conservation and energy efficiency contribute to a strong, sustainable, and secure local and national economy; and

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors has issued a statement calling for a nationwide ten percent reduction in energy use to combat growing instability in energy supply and prices; and

WHEREAS, the President and the Congress of the United States are formulating a new national energy policy; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council urge the President and the Congress of the United States to pursue policies and strategies that will promote energy conservation and invest in energy efficiency as the centerpiece of a new national energy policy for the United States, in order to assure a healthy, globally-competitive, and secure economy.

Section 2. That the Mayor and Council support development of renewable energy sources as the preferred strategy for increasing energy supply.

Section 3. That the City of Kansas City will redouble its own efforts to make City buildings and operations more energy efficient; and encourage energy efficiency through its codes and ordinances, through its policies, and through the tax and other incentive agreements that it enters into with private entities.
