RESOLUTION NO. 837

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION POLICY THAT WILL BENEFIT ITS NATURAL RESOURCES AND REDUCE THE EMISSION OF GREENHOUSE GASSES.

WHEREAS, state, regional and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emission reduction targets and programs and that this leadership is non-partisan and coming from governors, county officials, and mayors alike, 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, the City may lose opportunities by not having a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Policy adopted, including eligibility for certain loans to, in part, finance future Public Works capital improvement, and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. The City Council hereby adopts a Greenhouse Emissions Reduction policy hereby attached as Exhibit 'A'.

RESOLVED this 14th day of June, 2010.

APPROVED:

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CHARLES L. HUNTER, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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CITY OF GIG HARBOR – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

TITLE: GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION

POLICY MANUAL SECTION & NO.	EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/14/10	APPROVED:
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PURPOSE

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POLICY

It shall be the policy of the City of Gig Harbor to reduce greenhouse emissions.

REFERENCES

City of Gig Harbor Public Works Standards, latest version.

City of Gig Harbor Commute Trip Reduction Plan, latest version.

PROCEDURE

- Support and encourage options provided in the City's current Commute Trip Reduction Plan;
- Encourage ride-sharing, van-pooling and the use of flex-time schedules by employees;
- Manage street lighting needs by applying standards and using lamps that will assure safe and effective illumination at minimum cost and energy use;
- Promote the purchase of recycled and recyclable goods;
- Reduce the solid waste stream by recycling and other means;
- Provide safe and convenient access for pedestrians and bicyclists to, across, and along major transit priority streets.