

RESOLUTION NO. 2366-2007

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 32, THE
CALIFORNIA GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT OF 2006**

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of the world's climate scientists agree that in order to prevent the most devastating consequences of global warming, that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases must be significantly reduced; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32), the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, passed by the California Legislature on August 31, 2006, declares that global warming poses a serious threat to the economic well-being, public health, natural resources, and the environment of California; and

WHEREAS, in response to the warnings from the scientific community, the State of California has shown national and international leadership in committing to reduce its global warming emissions to 2000 levels by 2010, to 1990 levels by 2020, and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050.

WHEREAS, in order to effectively achieve these reductions, AB 32 directs the California Air Resources Board (CARB) the responsibility of setting limits on greenhouse gas emissions with the purpose of curbing global warming; and

WHEREAS, AB 32 directs CARB to develop appropriate regulations and establish a mandatory reporting system to track and monitor global warming emissions levels; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors endorsed the 2005 U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement, initiated by Seattle Mayor Nickles, and as of June 2007, it was signed by over 500 U.S. mayors, including the Mayor of Portola Valley; and

WHEREAS, local governments significantly influence the community's global warming pollution emissions through their actions concerning land use, transportation, construction, waste management, energy supply, and energy management; and

WHEREAS, actions taken by local governments to reduce global warming pollution and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by improving air quality and public health, and saving money for the local government, its businesses and its residents; and

WHEREAS, AB 32 seeks to distribute benefits and costs equitably and ensure that pollution is reduced in local communities; and

WHEREAS, California has a long history of national leadership on environmental policy, and California's actions are critical to controlling and reducing global warming pollution nationally; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to support California's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley does **RESOLVE** as follows:

1. The Town Council supports AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, and pledges to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness of the causes and impacts of climate change.

2. The Town hereby adopts AB 32's targets for reducing its global warming emissions to 2000 levels by 2010, to 1990 levels by 2020, and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050.

3. The Town Administrator is authorized to send copies of this resolution to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the State, and to allow the Town's name to be added to the roll of those supporting AB 32.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4 day of October, 2007.

By:



Mayor

ATTEST:



Town Clerk