

July 20, 2009

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY WATER SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the United States' municipal and county water systems are among the finest in the world; and

WHEREAS, high quality, safe drinking water is readily available at most public locations; and

WHEREAS, while bottled water is regulated by the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"), municipal and county tap water are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") which has more stringent requirements for testing; and

WHEREAS, bottled water is shipped many miles from the source, resulting in the burning of massive amounts of fossil fuels, releasing CO2 and other pollution into the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. production of plastic bottles for bottled water currently requires the energy equivalent of more than 17 million barrels of oil per year - enough to generate fuel for over a million cars for a year - while generating more than 2.5 million tons of carbon dioxide; and

WHEREAS, plastic water bottles are one of the fastest growing sources of municipal waste; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, per Resolution #90 adopted in June 2007 and confirmed at their annual meeting in June, 2008, has compiled much information regarding the impact of bottled water on municipal waste; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Conference of Mayors supports the availability and use of bottled water in times of emergency and times and in places where tap water is unavailable but otherwise encourages the everyday use of tap water:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Roswell that Mayor and Council encourage phasing out, where practicable and feasible, the purchase and use of bottled water and encourage the use of non-bottled water by the City of Roswell.

The above Resolution was read and approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Roswell on the 20th day of July, 2009.

Attest:

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