

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-19**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS, SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD'S LEADERSHIP IN PROMOTING CLEAN AND ENERGY EFFICIENT MOTOR VEHICLES, ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, ZERO EMISSION TECHNOLOGIES AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE IN CALIFORNIA.**

**WHEREAS**, California is experiencing a public health crisis due to poor air quality, with over 90% of Californians living in areas that exceed federal health-based ozone standards; and exposure to elevated levels of ozone and other pollutants such as particulate matter annually contributes to hundreds of thousands of asthma attacks and tens of thousands of hospitalizations and premature deaths due to heart and lung disease; and recent research conducted by the RAND Corporation found that hospital care related to elevated pollution levels in California cost nearly \$200 million from 2005 to 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the impacts of global climate change are projected to compound this air quality and public health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, motor vehicles are significant emitters of ozone precursors, particulates and air toxics, and the single largest anthropogenic source of global warming causing greenhouse gas emissions in California; and

**WHEREAS**, California's dependence on petroleum for 97 percent of its transportation needs and its reliance on imported oil leaves California susceptible to volatile pricing and supply disruptions; and

**WHEREAS**, California has been a national leader in advancing cleaner vehicle technologies by developing and implementing motor vehicle regulations under its federal Clean Air Act authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Legislature enacted AB 1493 (Pavley, 2002) directing the California Air Resources Board to adopt regulations to achieve the maximum feasible and cost-effective reduction in greenhouse gases from passenger vehicles; and the California Air Resources Board adopted clean vehicle regulations in 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, thirteen other states and Washington D.C. have adopted California's regulations; and in coordination with the Obama Administration and America's automobile manufacturers, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Transportation have based new national standards on California's clean car regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, the California Air Resources Board plans to develop and adopt new vehicle regulations to reduce criteria air pollutants, greenhouse gases and promote the development and deployment of zero emission vehicle technology options for consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, strengthening California's motor vehicle programs will improve California's air quality, promote energy independence, support new jobs and investments in clean technology, help California achieve its goal of reducing global warming emissions, and will continue California's long history of national leadership on air quality and environmental policy; now, therefore be it

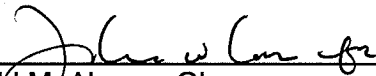
**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the City of Bell Gardens urges the State of California and the California Air Resources Board to continue its national and international leadership role in reducing greenhouse gases and promoting clean vehicle technologies by moving forward quickly to develop and adopt expanded Low Emission Vehicle (LEV III) standards to reduce criteria air pollutants and

greenhouse gases and to strengthen the state's zero emission vehicle program to protect the health of California's economy, environment and its people.


**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 14th day of June, 2010.

  
PRISCILLA FLORES, MAYOR

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman  
City Attorney

**ATTEST:**

  
Vida Barone  
Interim City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                     )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES            ) SS  
CITY OF BELL GARDENS                )

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2010-19 was duly adopted by the City of Bell Gardens City Council at their regular meeting of June 14, 2010 by the following vote:


AYES:           Mayor Flores; Councilmembers Crespo, Infanzon and Aceituno.

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

EXCUSED:   Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez

  
Vida Barone, Interim City Clerk