

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



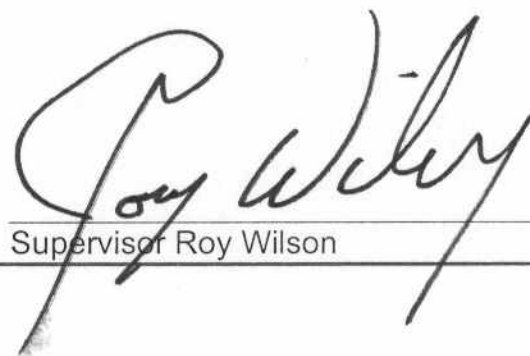
FROM: Supervisor Wilson

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**SUBJECT:** Resolution of Support for American Lung Association's "Clean Air Month" activities, and support for regulations that reduce production of greenhouse gases.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors endorse the attached Resolution 2004-174 in support of "Clean Air month" and California Air Resources Board adoption of stringent regulations reducing generation of greenhouse gases that cause global warming.

**BACKGROUND** The month of May is designated "Clean Air Month" across the country. The American Lung Association is requesting the support of the Board of Supervisors in heightening public awareness of clean air concerns, and also seeks the County's support of its efforts to encourage the California Air Resources Board to adopt strong regulations which address the provisions of AB 1493 (Pavley), enacted in 2002. AB 1493 seeks to "ensure, to the maximum extent feasible, the cost-effective reduction of greenhouse gases emitted by passenger vehicles." Passenger cars and light trucks represent the largest source of global warming pollution in California, accounting for approximately 40 percent of the state's emissions. Although not requiring specific technologies, AB 1493 regulations will encourage car companies to make cleaner vehicles and will encourage development of alternative fuel and other clean air technologies.



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RESOLUTION NO. 2004-174

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE IN  
SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA'S LAW TO REDUCE GLOBAL WARMING

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**Whereas**, the month of May is designated as "Clean Air Month" in our nation and many events and activities are scheduled by the American Lung Association to heighten public awareness of clean air concerns; and

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**Whereas**, reducing emissions from motor vehicles and fuels is a key clean air strategy in California due to the overwhelming majority of air pollution generated from these sources; and vehicles not only emit ozone precursors, particulates and air toxics, but also emit greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, hydrofluorocarbons and methane that are linked to increased warming of the atmosphere; and

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**Whereas**, increased warming of the atmosphere will lead to serious impacts on air quality and public health, water supply, water quality, coastal resources, agriculture, and other environmental resources; and

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**Whereas**, higher temperatures due to global warming help create conditions that are ideal for ozone formation, and an EPA study on the impacts of increasing temperatures on peak ozone concentrations in Southern California urban areas found up to a 6 ppb ozone increase per each 1°F increase in temperature; and

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**Whereas**, the largest source of global warming pollution in California is passenger cars and light trucks, accounting for approximately 40 percent of the state's emissions; and

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**Whereas**, AB 1493 (Pavley) enacted in 2002 requires the California Air Resources Board to adopt regulations to achieve the maximum feasible and cost-effective reduction in greenhouse gases from passenger vehicles by January, 2005; and

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**Whereas**, the AB 1493 regulations will contribute to both reduced global warming emissions and improved air quality; and an important byproduct of the regulations will likely be reduced pollution emissions from the manufacturing, transportation, delivery and sale of gasoline (called "upstream emissions") due to reduced petroleum use; and

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**Whereas**, the regulations required by AB 1493 will help continue the drive toward advanced technology and alternative fueled vehicles that can achieve extremely low levels of both traditional air pollutants and greenhouse gases; and would give consumers additional choices of clean vehicles without taking away existing vehicle options; and

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**Whereas**, there is an abundance of off-the-shelf technology and available clean fuels that can be readily applied to reduce global warming pollution from today's cars and trucks, and experts have estimated that a 30-40 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions is possible and cost-effective; and

1 **Whereas**, 95% of Californians already live in areas that exceed federal health-based  
2 ozone standards, and increased ozone levels leads to increased asthma attacks and  
other serious lung health impacts; and

3 **Whereas**, global warming will significantly impact California consumers, businesses and  
4 the state's economy as a result of increased food, water and energy costs, insurance  
liabilities, environmental losses and demands upon the public health infrastructure; and

5 **Whereas**, addressing the impacts of global warming, whether through mitigation or  
6 response to natural disasters will severely tax state and local government agencies; and

7 **Whereas**, California has a long history of national leadership on air quality and  
8 environmental policy, and California's actions are critical to controlling and reducing  
global warming pollution nationally; and

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10 Now therefore, Be It Resolved that the County of Riverside urges the California Air  
11 Resources Board to adopt the strongest possible regulations to reduce greenhouse gases  
12 emitted by passenger vehicles pursuant to AB 1493 (Pavley), and recommends that the  
13 California Legislature endorse such regulations to protect the health of the state's economy  
and its people.

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