

RESOLUTION NO. 3742-09

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CITY OF UNION CITY
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS GOAL TO REDUCE EMISSIONS
30% BELOW 2005 LEVELS BY 2020**

WHEREAS, the overwhelming scientific consensus is that global warming and climate change is a reality and humans are active agents in its rapid development; and

WHEREAS, global warming is one of the California's greatest and most urgent environmental problems, with depleted snow pack in the Sierra Nevada impacting our drinking water supplies, rising sea levels threatening our cities along the coast and San Francisco Bay, and increased smog pollution harming our health; and

WHEREAS, in order to slow global warming, the human community must achieve significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and must achieve the reductions soon; and

WHEREAS, California recently became the first state in the nation to formally approve a comprehensive greenhouse gas emissions reduction plan as required by Assembly Bill 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006; and

WHEREAS, local governments can contribute significantly to statewide and global efforts to reduce emissions by exercising key powers over land use, transportation, construction, waste management, and energy management; and

WHEREAS, in May 2006, the City of Union City adopted Resolution 3167-06 authorizing the City's participation in the Alameda County Climate Protection Project and membership in ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the first two Milestones in ICLEI'S Five Milestones process directs members to complete an emissions inventory and then adopt greenhouse gas reduction targets; and

WHEREAS, a GHG emissions inventory for Union City was completed in recently updated; and

WHEREAS, other cities have pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on average by 20 to 25% below their baseline emission inventory by the year 2020, and

WHEREAS, an emissions target is a preliminary framework for the upcoming Climate Action Plan process but can should be re-evaluated following the completion of the plan to verify their appropriateness for Union City;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Union City accepts the emissions inventory report and adopts a greenhouse gas emissions reduction goal of 30% below 2005 levels by 2020.