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Energy Conservation Resolution

WHEREAS, Fuel and oil prices have been increasing steadily and significantly for the past seven years.

WHEREAS, Government and academic forecasts indicate the trend is expected to continue into the foreseeable future as demand increases while supply continues to decline.

WHEREAS, Reduction in fuel consumption not only will result in reduction in fuel costs, while ensuring future fuel availability, but also beneficial improvements to Monroe County's environmental quality.

WHEREAS, Good planning leads to controlled results. The condition of sudden resource unavailability is a condition in which we cannot afford to find ourselves.

WHEREAS, The most prudent manner in which to avoid resource unavailability is to wean from the resource, at a rate equal to or in excess of the resource's actual decline.

WHEREAS, The County Council, as the fiscal body of the county government, has an obligation and a duty to the taxpayers and citizens of Monroe County to fund and thereby ensure the effective, prudent, and sustainable delivery of government services.

NOW THEREFORE, the Monroe County Council does hereby encourage every county employee to take a leadership role in implementing, in their personal and work lives, fuel conservation efforts and activities that could serve as a model for all residents of Monroe County, and encourages every citizen of the County to join with us in undertaking fuel conservation efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Department of County government shall submit a report to the Council president outlining what actions the Department has been undertaking in 2008, and what actions it intends to undertake in 2009 to achieve in each year a 5% reduction in the use of hydrocarbon-based fuels. The report shall be filed with the Monroe County Council as part of the annual budget session, and shall be used to help determine approval for fleet, fuel and other energy-intensive appropriations.