

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago has been a national leader on curbing its domestic air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the City and its residents recently have demonstrated their support for healthy air by accelerating the closure of dirty power plants within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that air pollution can cause an increased risk of strokes and heart attacks, even on moderate air quality days; and

WHEREAS, air pollution is linked to other dangerous diseases such as cancer, diabetes, aggravated asthma and other respiratory illnesses, increased hospitalizations, and premature death; and

WHEREAS: air pollution particularly affects the most vulnerable citizens of our city, namely seniors, children and those with compromised health; and

WHEREAS, since 1970, the Clean Air Act has protected the air we breathe through a proven, comprehensive, successful system of pollution control that saves lives and creates economic benefits exceeding its costs; and

WHEREAS, with the Clean Air Act, air quality in this country has improved significantly, despite major growth both in our economy and industrial production; and

WHEREAS, between 1970 and 1990, the six main pollutants covered by the Clean Air Act - particulate matter and ground-level ozone (both of which contribute to smog and asthma), carbon monoxide, lead, sulfur and nitrogen oxides (the acid gases that cause acid rain) - were reduced by between 47 percent and 93 percent, and airborne lead was virtually eliminated; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act has produced economic benefits valued at \$2 trillion or 30 times the cost of regulation; and

WHEREAS, healthy air will protect public health, save lives, and reduce healthcare costs;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City Council go on record supporting the Clean Air Act and urging the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Lisa P. Jackson, and President Barack Obama to move swiftly to fully employ and enforce the Clean Air Act to reduce ground-level ozone, particulate matter, and greenhouse gases in our atmosphere; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Lisa P. Jackson, President Barack Obama and our Congressional Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

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