

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA ADOPTING THE BAY AREA GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM "GREEN GOVERNMENT PLEDGE"**

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara believes that a healthy economy depends on a healthy environment, and also that a healthy environment depends on a healthy economy;

WHEREAS, it is important for all Santa Clara County governments, citizens and businesses to conserve natural resources, save energy, and prevent waste to protect our environment and also save money through increased efficiencies;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the importance of participating in efforts to educate businesses and the public on environmental compliance and conservation, as well as setting an example in these areas;

WHEREAS, working cooperatively with other government entities, the business community, and the public will be more effective in helping to achieve common environmental goals; and

WHEREAS, adopting the "Green Government Pledge" provides an opportunity for County government to participate in such a cooperative effort as well revitalize its commitment to lead by example;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the Bay Area Green Business Program "Green Government Pledge", and directs the County Executive and Department Liaisons to commence with activities which support the County's pledge to "lead by example" by implementing efficiencies in County operations that conserve resources, prevent pollution and reduce waste.

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# Pledges

The San Francisco Bay Area Green Business Program is a project of the Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation Committee, administered by the Association of Bay Area Governments.

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## Green Business Pledge

*Pledge to be taken and posted by businesses participating in the Bay Area Green Business Program:*

We believe a successful business is dependant on a healthy environment. We are actively working to show our environmental responsibility to our community by committing to the following objectives:

- To comply with all applicable regulations and strive to exceed compliance
- To conserve energy, water, materials, and other resources
- To develop and implement practices that prevent pollution and waste
- To be an environmentally responsible business within our community

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## Green Government Pledge

*Pledge to be taken and posted by Counties and Cities participating in the Bay Area Green Business Program:*

We believe a healthy environment depends upon a healthy economy. We are actively working to show our environmental responsibility to our community through leading by example, and committing to the following objectives:

- To work with businesses and coordinate with local, state, and federal regulators to achieve the objectives of the Green Business Program.
- To agree to a common set of Green Business Program environmental standards for the business community.
- To provide businesses with technical assistance and guidance to achieve these environmental standards.
- To support the conservation of energy, water, materials and other natural resources.
- To work with business to educate and inform the public regarding the Green Business Program.

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