



Resolution No. 54

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ENDORISING 30% RESIDENTIAL EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT IN 2009 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE

1. **WHEREAS**, America's mayors have long recognized the importance of energy efficiency in the development of a successful national energy policy; and
2. **WHEREAS**, homes and non-industrial buildings represent America's largest energy-consuming sector – using approximately 40 percent of the nation's energy and 75 percent of its electricity; and
3. **WHEREAS**, the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is the most widely used model code for residential construction in the U.S., establishing efficiency baselines that are voluntarily adopted by cities throughout the country; and
4. **WHEREAS**, the IECC is currently undergoing a review and revision process that occurs once every three years, involving committee hearings in the spring and a final vote in the fall; and
5. **WHEREAS**, calls for increasing residential efficiency by 30 percent have been issued by the Western Governors Association, ASHRAE, the U.S. EPA/DOE National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency, the American Institute for Architects, the Business Roundtable and by leaders in Congress from both parties; and
6. **WHEREAS**, the broad-based Energy Efficient Codes Coalition has compiled a series of efficiency improvements into a comprehensive package of recommendations known as The 30% Solution and submitted it for adoption; and
7. **WHEREAS**, support for The 30% Solution comes from a diverse cross-section of energy efficiency professionals, including the National Association of State Energy Officials, all five regional energy efficiency alliances, the Alliance to Save Energy, the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, and electric utilities (IOUs, municipal and coops); and
8. **WHEREAS**, The 30% Solution incorporates affordable, off the shelf technologies and practices, and studies show these efficiency improvements would enhance the affordability and security of homeownership by creating net positive cash flow for homeowners; and
9. **WHEREAS**, at its February hearings, the IECC Development Committee took significant preliminary steps toward adopting The 30% Solution, recommending provisions estimated to improve efficiency by approximately 20 percent over the existing 2006 IECC; and
10. **WHEREAS**, this September the International Code Council (ICC), a body made up primarily of municipal code officials, will consider Development Committee recommendations and the input of voting members present and will vote to establish the 2009 IECC; and
11. **WHEREAS**, mayors are in a unique position to encourage the eligible code officials from their cities to participate in the ICC deliberations and vote for the full package of efficiency measure outlined in The 30% Solution; and

12. **WHEREAS**, the 2009 IECC will strongly influence efficiency performance in the more than three million homes expected to be built in the U.S. through 2012, and success in achieving full adoption of The 30% Solution will have a tremendous impact in reducing energy use over the life of those homes,

13. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the U.S. Conference of Mayors endorses the full adoption of The 30% Solution at the ICC's Final Action Hearings this September in Minneapolis and encourages eligible code officials to attend these hearings and to vote in favor of the adoption of The 30% Solution.

Projected Cost: Unknown