

PIMA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE USE OF PLUG-IN HYBRID VEHICLES

WHEREAS, American over-reliance on foreign oil is a growing and serious threat to the national security and economic vitality of the United States; and

WHEREAS, automobile emissions are a major contributing factor to smog in our cities, which threaten the health of our citizens and the sustainability of our planet; and,

WHEREAS, the technology exists today to build a flexible-fuel plug-in hybrid electric automobile that could reduce fuel costs to our citizens thereby improving our economy; and,

WHEREAS, plug-in hybrid vehicles can dramatically reduce reliance on imported oil and decrease greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants generated by vehicles; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2006, the U.S. Conference of Mayors adopted a policy resolution encouraging the use of plug-in hybrid vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is leading the Plug-In Partners campaign to encourage automakers to manufacture plug-in hybrids, including those with flexible fuel capability, and to demonstrate a demand for such vehicles.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The PAG Regional Council applauds the efforts of the City of Austin to promote interest in plug-in hybrid vehicles by sponsoring the Plug-In Partners National Campaign; and,

The PAG Regional Council hereby expresses its intention to become a member of the Plug-In Partners National Campaign; and

The PAG Regional Council directs PAG staff to collect and disseminate information on alternative energy vehicles, in particular hybrid vehicles, and encourages its member jurisdictions to share data with PAG staff on jurisdictional efforts to use and evaluate these vehicles, and

The PAG Regional Council encourages PAG staff to contact private sector entities to gain their support for alternative energy vehicles specifically flexible-fuel plug-in hybrid vehicles.

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