

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ -2012

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE “*EMPOWER LEXINGTON*” ENERGY PLAN DESIGNED TO REDUCE FAYETTE COUNTY’S ENERGY USE BY ONE PERCENT (1%) ANNUALLY THROUGH VOLUNTARY MEASURES AND SUPPORTING ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

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WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (“LFUCG”) recognizes that becoming more energy efficient is key to Lexington/Fayette County becoming a more resilient and sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, becoming more energy efficient will benefit our community by saving our citizens money, keeping money in our local economy, creating jobs, reducing emissions and air pollution, improving public health, and protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS, a diverse group of community stakeholders, including business groups, environmental groups, educators, nonprofit groups, institutions such as the University of Kentucky and Fayette County Public Schools, planning groups, transportation groups, utility providers, agricultural groups, consultants, LFUCG staff and others has developed the *Empower Lexington* plan; and

WHEREAS, the *Empower Lexington* plan is a community-wide energy plan whose goal is to reduce our community’s overall energy use by 1% per year through voluntary actions; and

WHEREAS, implementing the *Empower Lexington* plan will help fulfill Lexington’s February 2008 commitment to participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Program pursuant to Urban County Council Resolution 49-2008 as well as its commitment under the U.S. Mayor’s Climate Protection Agreement which LFUCG signed in 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 - That the Urban County Council, on behalf of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, hereby supports the *Empower Lexington* plan which includes the goal of reducing Fayette County’s energy use by 1% per year through voluntary measures.

Section 2 - That the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government will work with community stakeholders and citizens to implement the *Empower Lexington* plan as

resources allow.

Section 3 – That the entire Lexington/Fayette County community be and hereby is encouraged to embrace the *Empower Lexington* plan and work together to voluntarily reduce energy use.

Section 4 – The Division of Environmental Quality and Public Works will report to Council annually on progress toward obtaining the *Empower Lexington* plan goals, on actual reductions in energy usage, and on actions taken by the Urban County Government to reduce its energy consumption.

Section 5 –That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL