

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 171

EFFECTIVE ~~XXXXXX~~ **Approved** April 16, 2006

WHEREAS, The issue of global climate change has become a matter of serious concern in both domestic and international environmental affairs; and

WHEREAS, There exists a consensus in the scientific community that anthropogenic fertilization of the carbon cycle through fossil fuel combustion contributes to global climate change; and

WHEREAS, There exists a rising concern that increased dependence on fossil fuel plays a large role in historical and current international conflict and worldwide violations of human rights; and

WHEREAS, The current and future effects of global climate change may disproportionately burden impoverished regions with fewer opportunities for ecological and social resistance; and

WHEREAS, Brown currently consumes over 70,000,000 kilowatt-hours (KWh) of electricity per year, representing a significant amount of the State of Rhode Island's total energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, Based on past trends as well as the University's current expansion, Brown's rate of energy consumption is predicted to increase, and

WHEREAS, Increased use of renewable energy will help to ease negative environmental and social harms caused by traditional energy production and consumption; and

WHEREAS, On June 24, 2004, Governor Carcieri and the State of Rhode Island committed to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and the state passed the Rhode Island Clean Energy Bill, which requires utilities to purchase an increasing percentage of renewable energy every year, ultimately reaching 16% by 2020; and

WHEREAS, In March of 2005, Rhode Island's State Senate passed a resolution urging Rhode Island's colleges and universities to "assess campus energy use and join the state in committing to the purchase of renewable energy"; and

Concurrence Segal, By Request

WHEREAS, On July 29, 2005, the City of Providence resolved to purchase 20% of the city's energy requirements from renewable sources by 2010, and

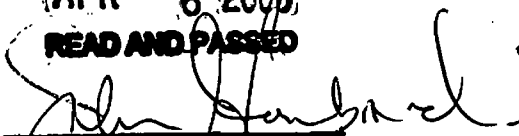
WHEREAS, Brown University is an integral and influential member of the Rhode Island and Providence communities; and


WHEREAS, Brown University has joined the New England Board of Higher Education to support the New England Governors/Eastern Canadian Premiers Climate Change Action Plan 2001 in the effort to curb fossil fuel emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence urges Brown University to fulfill 25% of its energy needs through renewable sources by the year 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this commitment represents the first step in a continuous effort by Brown University to minimize its environmental impact through a reduction in fossil fuel consumption and an investment in renewable energy.


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**Effective without the
Mayor's Signature:**


Anna M. Stetson
City Clerk