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**Resolution 98.601 – Redraft 2000
Pertaining to Global Climate Change**

Whereas, atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases are rising and are projected to continue to increase; and

Whereas, there is continuing scientific debate as to what the impact of increasing contributions of greenhouse gases would be on the climate; and

Whereas, the costs for stabilizing greenhouse gas emissions could be substantial and may be borne in large part by each state, as well as borne disproportionately by some states. Voluntary programs for petroleum industries, electric utilities and other emitters are already in place and should be given an opportunity to demonstrate their effectiveness; and

Whereas, the United States Government is participating in international negotiations on treaties and protocols for the mitigation of greenhouse gases; and

Whereas, President Clinton pledged on October 22, 1997, that "The United States will not assume binding obligations (in Kyoto) unless key developing nations meaningfully participate in this effort;" and

Whereas, the United States Senate adopted Senate Resolution No. 98 by a vote of 95-0, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should not be a signatory to any protocol which would mandate new commitments for the developed countries, unless the protocol also mandates specific scheduled commitments for developing countries.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission at its Midyear Meeting on June 23, 1998 in Overland Park, Kansas, urges the President, Congress, the U.S. Department of State, and other federal agencies to include the interests and seek the expertise of the states as part of any national debate regarding the relationship of greenhouse gases to global climate changes to ensure fully coordinated policies; and

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Be It Further Resolved, that the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission supports a full and vigorous discussion, including all stakeholders, and consideration of all alternatives regarding the mitigation of greenhouse gases, adoption of policies and other global climate change measures; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission supports a coordinated research effort on the effects of human activities on the accumulation of greenhouse gases and their possible contribution to the impact on global climate change; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission urges the President and the U.S. Department of State international negotiating team to proceed cautiously with regard to new aims and post-2000 commitments for greenhouse gas mitigation strategies. Of particular concern are mitigation strategies that place an undue cost burden on energy consumers of the states in an attempt to achieve agreements for globally applicable provisions that purport to significantly reduce the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, any mitigation strategies which mandate specific scheduled commitments should apply equally in developing and developed countries; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission calls upon the President of the United States not to sign or seek to attempt to use any protocol in advance of the Senate's ratification; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission calls upon the United States Senate to not ratify any protocol which would result in serious harm to the economy in the United States.

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