

RESOLUTION 188-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE POSITIONS OF ENERGY CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND DENYING NEW NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS: YES TO ENERGY CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY. NO TO NEW NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS.

WHEREAS, energy security, independence and sustainability are critical issues that face this generation; and

WHEREAS, changes in global climate are expected to cause and increased number of heat waves and longer periods of drought coupled with intense flooding in South Texas; and

WHEREAS, those unable to afford air conditioning and with limited access to health care will be most vulnerable to heat-related illness, as well as the young, the elderly and those with preexisting conditions; and

WHEREAS, working-class and low-income families spend upwards of 20% of their income on household energy costs and are impacted proportionately far more than higher-income families by rising energy costs; and

WHEREAS, households residing in older structures spend on average 28% more per square foot on energy costs than those built after 1990; and

WHEREAS, action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions such as energy conservation and the development of renewable energy sources may have multiple benefits, including economic development, job creation and improved air quality; and

WHEREAS, many cities throughout the nation, both large and small, are reducing global warming pollutants and energy consumption through programs that provide economic and quality of life co-benefits such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, nuclear power brings major financial risks from escalating cost, vulnerability to raw material prices, uncertainty in decommissioning and long-term storage of high level radioactive waste; and

WHEREAS, nuclear power would not build the economy of the City of Hondo and according to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, is the most expensive way to