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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT TO CREATE
AN INCLUSIVE LOCAL GREEN ECONOMY BY FOCUSING FUNDS FROM THE
AMERICAN REINVESTMENT AND RECOVERY ACT OF 2009
ON GREEN-COLLAR JOB CREATION AND TRAINING**

WHEREAS, Mayors and local governments are critical when it comes to leading in practical solutions in job creation, climate change and healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, by taking action on green economic development we have the opportunity to spur an inclusive green economy and create a local green-collar workforce; and

WHEREAS, private sector investments in a green economy are growing and can be used to leverage local economic development that benefits all of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government has already approved funds through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 for states and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, if US communities are to seize economic, environmental and social opportunities offered by an inclusive green economy we must prepare the current generation of blue collar workers for the green economy while training up a new generation of workers into green-collar jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Green Jobs Pledge adopted by the US Conference of Mayors defines *green-collar* jobs as:

- family supporting jobs that help strengthen the US middle class,
- jobs that provide pathways out of poverty for those at the lower end of the economic scale,
- jobs that are within reach of lower-skilled and low-income workers by supporting effective training programs and supports,
- local jobs that can not be outsourced,
- jobs that strengthen urban and rural communities,
- jobs that protect human health and the health of the planet,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The City of Portland shall focus funds made available by the Recovery Act toward improving the environment in ways that grow both the economy and green-collar jobs locally; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, The City of Portland shall dedicate funds made available by the Recovery Act toward enhancing and developing job training programs in the public and private sector that provide pathways out of poverty for Portland residents by equipping them for high demand jobs in the green economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, The City of Portland shall drive public and private investment in an inclusive local green economy by focusing funds from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 on green-collar job creation and training.