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### **US Mayors Express Commitment To The Earth Charter**

Last Monday, June 25th, The U.S. Conference of Mayors passed a resolution that states:

“The US Conference of Mayors endorses the Earth Charter and commits the organization to the realization of its aim. And urges its mayors and their cities to formally review and debate the Earth Charter and its relationship to its work.”

This achievement brings to light the power of a vision, when combined with commitment of one or few individuals to that vision. In this case individuals from Shelburne Farms, Burlington, Vermont, brought the Earth Charter to the attention of their Mayor. Peter Clavelle, Mayor of Burlington, Vermont, a town of 30,000, knew that the Earth Charter had been adopted by ICLEI, an organization in which he is active. Mayor Clavelle decided that the Earth Charter needed dissemination, adoption, and use, and first had the Burlington City Council adopt the Earth Charter, and then, as an active member of the US Conference of Mayors, comprised of 1000 cities, proposed the Earth Charter Resolution at the annual mayor’s meeting. A major achievement for the Earth Charter; wonderful support from ICLEI, but the faith and conviction of the few, that brought this about.

For more information see:

Earth Charter website at: [www.earthcharter.org](http://www.earthcharter.org)

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