

PROCLAMATION FROM SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, for over a decade hundreds of groups and tens of thousands of individuals worldwide have been involved in the drafting of the Earth Charter, whose principles present a framework of sustainable development with guidelines for achieving it; and

WHEREAS, the Earth Charter is a declaration of interdependence, setting forth an integrated and ethical approach to community development which addresses respect and care for the community of life, ecological integrity, social and economic justice, nonviolence, democracy, and peace; and

WHEREAS, Seattle's Comprehensive Plan is guided by a commitment similar to the Earth Charter, recognizing that "a sustainable culture thrives without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs", and affirming our city's core values of "Community, Environmental Stewardship, Economic Opportunity and Security, and Social Equity"; and

WHEREAS, Seattle has been a leader in making government a model of resource-efficient and environmentally responsible business practices and has committed to a greenhouse gas reduction goal that is one of the most ambitious in North America, and

WHEREAS, the Earth Charter can be used worldwide as way to connect local policies to global objectives, as an educational tool, a catalyst for dialogue, a call to action and global citizenship and a guide for creating sustainable development policies and plans at all levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, September 28, 2002 as Earth Charter Day, and that the City of Seattle endorses the Earth Charter and commits to assertively working towards the realization of it's aims so that we can assure a healthy future for our community and for our earth.