

Resolution No.82

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**AMERICA'S CLEAN, DOMESTIC, AND AFFORDABLE URBAN  
TRANSPORTATION SOLUTION**

1. **WHEREAS**, according to the Energy Information Administration (EIA), the transportation sector accounts for 69 percent of United States oil consumption; and
2. **WHEREAS**, natural gas is cleaner and cheaper than gasoline and diesel; and
3. **WHEREAS**, 98 percent of natural gas consumed in the United States is produced in North America ; and
4. **WHEREAS**, recent shale discoveries and technology developments are increasing the American supply of natural gas, creating more than 100 years of supply abundance ; and
5. **WHEREAS**, natural gas vehicles utilization is growing exponentially in Europe, South America, and in other global markets ; and
6. **WHEREAS**, passage of current federal natural gas vehicle legislation would stimulate market expansion, economic growth, and support the buying and using natural gas vehicles over a short time period so that national economies of scale will develop. Furthermore, legislation should be focused on the high fuel-use and high pollution vehicle fleets such as trash trucks, transit buses, semi-trucks, school buses, urban delivery and distribution vehicles, and shuttle buses;
7. **WHEREAS**, the diversification of transportation fuel sources would help the United States meet rapidly growing domestic and global energy demands, reduce the United States' dependency on oil imported from foreign countries, stabilize the cost and availability of energy in America, safeguard the economy and security of the United States, and facilitate the future growth of hydrogen vehicle transportation foundation by building out natural gas fueling corridors across our country,
8. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the U.S. Conference of Mayors adopts as its policy on Climate Protection, Energy Independence and the Energy Block

Grant called for by the mayors in the National Metro Agenda for America to urge the President and Congress to accelerate the following leadership policy initiatives:

1. Enact the New Alternative to Give Americans Solutions (NAT GAS) Act (S. 1408, H.R. 1835) or relevant provisions within other federal legislation
2. Enact The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users Act's (Pub. L. No. 109-59, § 11113) provision that provides a tax credit of 50-cent per gasoline-gallon-equivalent of CNG or liquid gallon of LNG for the sale of CNG and LNG for use as a motor vehicle fuel.
3. Expand federally funded Research, Development, and Demonstration (RD&D) programs to expand product offerings of natural gas engines to meet a wider range of applications in the United States transportation sector

Projected Cost: Unknown