

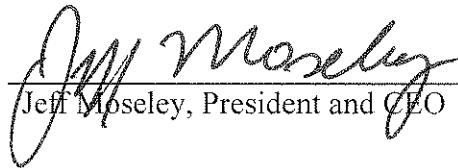
**Resolution of the Board of Directors in Support of Statewide Building
Energy Efficiency Performance Standards**

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Daniel G. Bellow, Chairman



Jeff Moseley, President and CEO



Patrick C. Oxford, Secretary

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 1, 2009

TO: Greater Houston Partnership Board of Directors

FROM: Bob Nicholas
Chairman, Quality of Life Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Resolution of the Board of Directors in Support of Statewide Building Energy Efficiency Performance Standards

RECOMMENDATION

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BACKGROUND

Energy efficiency is the fastest, cheapest and cleanest energy source available. As such, it is a key strategy in addressing Texas' cities' issues with population growth, air quality and economic prosperity.

Buildings account for a large amount of energy use. However, the majority of energy consumed by buildings is wasted through inefficient processes. Wasted energy is a resource that can be captured and used productively elsewhere. It is critical that newly constructed buildings be required to meet energy efficiency standards, as energy retrofits to achieve the same energy savings are much more expensive once a building is complete.

The Texas Public Utilities Commission has estimated that energy efficiency programs created by utilities saved 4.4 tons per day of nitrogen oxides from being released into the atmosphere.

IMPLEMENTATION

To implement this recommendation, the Partnership would communicate its support of this resolution to the Legislature.

RESOURCES REQUIRED

This resolution can be implemented within current budgetary constraints.