

RESOLUTION

NUMBER 151-08

**(RE; RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO CLIMATE CHANGE PROTECTION
PLAN CAMPAIGN)**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Cortlandt believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and that it is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, climate change may endanger our economy and livelihoods, harm our farms, orchards, forests and fisheries, spread invasive species and exotic diseases, reduce drinking water supplies, and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, the scale of greenhouse gas emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and

WHEREAS, that even were emissions dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Cortlandt pledges as an official signal of commitment and for access to resources, sign on to a widespread climate campaign such as:

-----Adopt the US Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

----Join the (ICLEI) Local Governments for Sustainability (f/k/a International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives)

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF CORTLANDT
JO-ANN DYCKMAN
TOWN CLERK**

**Adopted May 13, 2008
At a Regular Meeting
Held at Town Hall**