

RESOLUTION NO. 73122

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE IN SUPPORT OF THE GO GREEN INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Go Green Initiative was established in 2002 in Pleasanton, California after founder Jill Buck was inspired to create a framework that would encourage schools to adopt green practices, such as increased recycling, composting, and energy reduction; and

WHEREAS, the Go Green Initiative provides the necessary resources and a flexible framework schools need to prioritize sustainability and encourage green practices; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Go Green Initiative has been successfully adopted in schools across the nation through the collaborative effort of parents, students, teachers, school administrators and staff who have realized the importance of working together for the purpose of sustainability and are using their local schools to begin educating their community on green practices; and

WHEREAS, the Go Green Initiative has produced tremendous results in the 235 schools in 13 states where the Go Green framework has been adopted and in only 54 of these schools 8,592 trees have been saved, 32,845 pounds of mixed recyclables were diverted from entering landfills, 715,765 pounds of paper have been recycled, and these schools prevented the emission of 279 metric tons of greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, the Go Green Initiative has become a national leader in developing environmental stewards among our children and in our communities who have dedicated themselves to ensuring that our children will have a future that is both healthy and sustainable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE:

That the City of San Jose supports the Go Green Initiative in providing our schools with the tools they need to partner with students, parents, teachers, and school leaders to establish models of sustainability in our community.

ADOPTED this 28th day of March, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: CAMPOS, CHAVEZ, CHIRCO, CORTESE, LeZOTTE,
NGUYEN, PYLE, REED, YEAGER; GONZALES

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: WILLIAMS

DISQUALIFIED: NONE

RON GONZALES
Mayor

ATTEST:

LEE PRICE, MMC
City Clerk