

Resolution Promoting Cities and Energy Technology Innovation

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WHEREAS, technological innovation is providing America's cities and communities with new tools to improve quality of life for their citizens, and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of their communities; and,

WHEREAS, such innovation encompass a wide range of technological solutions to improve city services and enhance the quality of life for city residents; and

WHEREAS, such investments, driven by city-defined goals and objectives, especially in the energy sector which has the potential to improve public health, air quality, and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, partnerships with other governments and the private sector can support cities as they strive to overcome resource constraints and other impediments; and

WHEREAS, public-private partnerships especially can help accelerate the pace of new technology deployments and other solutions benefiting cities and their residents; and interests, are efficiently integrated, and maximize the benefit to the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, energy infrastructure is one of the foundational elements to the deployment of new technologies especially when such technologies are locally appropriate and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The African American Mayors Association will work with policymakers and community leaders and institutions, including electric and other utilities, technology companies and universities on the local, state, and federal levels to develop policies that facilitate and accelerate the development of smart cities and ensure all communities benefit from its technologies.