

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK UNDER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S PROGRAM FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANTS (EECBG); AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR & CITY CLERK TO MAKE APPLICATION THEREFOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2009, the U.S. Department of Energy released its Funding Opportunity Announcement ("FOA") for approximately \$2.7 Billion in estimated formula grants under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the EECBG Program is to reduce fossil fuel emissions in an environmentally sustainable manner, reduce the total energy use for eligible entities (e.g. City of North Little Rock), and improve energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, based on a series of formulas set forth in the Energy Independence and Security Act, allocations for states, cities, and counties eligible for direct formula grants has been made, with a proposed direct funding allocation of \$599,200 for the City of North Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock proposes to

- Provide a broad mix of opportunities so citizens in all income levels and businesses of all levels may choose to participate;
- Assure grants will fit the City's overall energy strategy and give priority to ongoing or planned City programs;
- Maintain the City's leadership reputation for sustainable energy;

(see Exhibit "A" attached hereto); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the City of North Little Rock that the City apply for funds under the U. S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the City of North Little Rock supports and approves application by the City for funds under the U. S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant ("EECBG") program.

SECTION 2: That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to make application to the U. S. Department of Energy for funds under its EECBG, and to submit such application as expeditiously as possible.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Patrick H. Hays

SPONSOR:

Mayor Patrick H. Hays

ATTEST:

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b