

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EPA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LGAC)**

WHEREAS, EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) is a federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) to provide advice and recommendations of the views of local government stakeholders to the EPA Administrator;

WHEREAS, the LGAC is a diverse group of elected and appointed officials appointed to the committee to represent our constituents of our diverse geographic, demographic, cultural and political diversity of our Nation from coast to coast;

WHEREAS, all environmental and public health issues are local and effect all of our citizen's throughout the Nation;

WHEREAS, the citizens we represent have a belief that a clean and safe environment is essential for all Americans;

WHEREAS, the LGAC provides valuable advice and recommendations to the EPA regarding the environmental and public policies that impact the health, economic prosperity and quality of life of our communities;

WHEREAS, the LGAC's advisory role to the EPA is essential to ensure communication from those 'closest to the people' so that the needs of our citizens are effectively addressed;

WHEREAS, the LGAC ensures that the EPA is made aware and educated on new ways of doing business, new partnerships and new ways of thinking which will be needed to achieve success in our communities nationwide;

WHEREAS, the LGAC provides the "boots on the ground" of local, state and tribal governments that can assist the EPA in developing effective strategies that will work in our diverse communities;

WHEREAS, in local government we are experienced in overcoming challenges and developing innovations to better serve our constituents, the LGAC's connection between EPA and citizens is necessary to continue the federal-local partnerships needed to deliver the commitment of safe, clean and affordable environmental and public health protections across the nation;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the LGAC's work is clearly understood by the new administration;

WHEREAS, the LGAC's relationship with the EPA follows our key goals as local officials: collaboration, communication, listening to understand, working well with the diverse representation that we have across varied opinions, small and large communities, environmental justice communities, and sharing and seeking out best practices;

WHEREAS, over the 23 years the LGAC has served in this advisory role to EPA, the LGAC has developed an excellent working relationship that enables the LGAC to accomplish significant work products, have successful in person and teleconferenced meetings, and have an understanding of the issues that are common to us all;

WHEREAS, the LGAC's role is essential for the EPA to hear from and learn from us in local officials who work directly with the populace and thus can bring a greater understanding to the federal level of what our constituents are experiencing and their needs which will create a valued trust between localities and federal government;

WHEREAS, the LGAC's membership is diverse and represents all spectrums and balanced views and perspectives of America, the LGAC should continue to give their advice to the EPA regarding policies that effect our communities so that government can be accountable to ALL of our citizens;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the African American Mayors Association will work with members of Congress and the current and incoming presidential administrations to ensure that LGAC remains an important advisor for environmental legislation