

RESOLUTION 32-3

RESOLUTION CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY

WHEREAS citizens face rising energy costs and are concerned – especially those on low and fixed incomes - about paying for the energy they need to meet their basic needs to heat and light their homes, travel to and from work and run their businesses; and

WHEREAS our citizens are looking for solutions on how best to reduce their energy use and costs and, as political leaders, it is our role to provide solutions to our citizens at times such as these; and

WHEREAS energy efficiency and conservation are our most cost-effective options and must be essential elements of any strategy to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS energy efficiency and conservation are already high priorities for the New England states and the Eastern Canadian provinces; and

WHEREAS member jurisdictions agree that more aggressive measures in energy efficiency and conservation can play an important role in helping manage energy costs and reducing the demand for new energy supply; and

WHEREAS all jurisdictions are concerned about climate change and agree energy efficiency and conservation are important components in their plans to meet their shared greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets; and

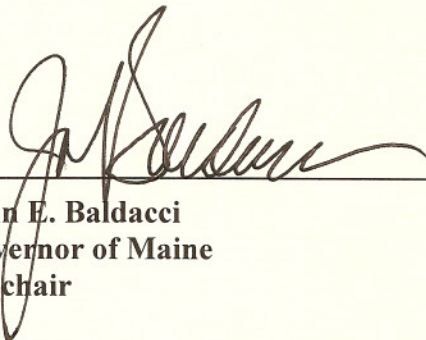
WHEREAS considerable opportunities exist to improve energy efficiency and conservation in homes, buildings, transportation and industry; and

WHEREAS education and awareness are key components in improving energy efficiency and conservation across all sectors.

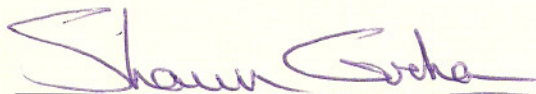
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT member jurisdictions agree to pursue cost-effective, energy efficiency, education, and conservation opportunities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Governors and Premiers direct the Northeast International Committee on Energy to submit recommendations to the 33rd annual conference to significantly improve energy efficiency as part of their commitment to meeting their regional and individual greenhouse gas emissions targets.

*Adopted at the 32nd Annual Conference of the New England Governors
and Eastern Canadian Premiers in Bar Harbor, Maine, on September 16, 2008*



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