

**A RESOLUTION TO EMBRACE THE CONCEPT OF A WATER CONSERVATION AND RE-USE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Georgia is facing one of the most severe droughts in recorded history. Our rivers and reservoirs are at record lows, and our communities may face water shortages that could challenge the ability to meet water supply needs; and

**WHEREAS**, due to this historic drought, the State of Georgia has taken steps to insure a sufficient supply of safe drinking water for its citizens. This includes a Level Four Drought Response declaration for 55 north Georgia counties, which prohibits or limits most types of outdoor water use; and

**WHEREAS**, water conservation is the “beneficial reduction in water use, waste, and loss” and is proven to be the most economical and environmentally protective means of meeting the challenges of water supply management; and

Water conservation activities can help us save water, save time, and save money year round, not just in the summer.

**WHEREAS**, as much as 60% of all household water use in the summer months is used outdoors for landscape purposes.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SANDY SPRINGS MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL EMBRACE THE CONCEPT OF A RE-USE PROGRAM BOTH SYSTEM WIDE AND AT THE LOCAL PROPERTY LEVEL. THIS PERVIOUSLY OVELOOKED OPPORTUNITY WILL PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT RELIEF AND SUSTAINABILITY FOR OUR WATER RESOURCES.**

We hereby support the adoption of a voluntary, incentive based Water Reuse and Conservation Program for new construction and encourage the community to support it.

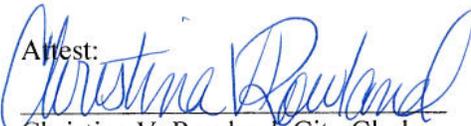
In the future, we look forward to exploring retrofits to existing properties of similar systems.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008**

**Approved:**

  
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Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Christina V. Rowland, City Clerk  
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