



RESOLUTION TO TAKE BACK THE TAP

- Because, Americans bought a total of 33 billion 16 ounce bottles of water in 2006 sold in plastic bottles, mostly made of polyethylene terephthalate (PET), requiring nearly 900,000 tons of the plastic produced from fossil fuels; and
- Because, it is estimated that producing the bottles for American consumption requires the equivalent of more than 17 million barrels of oil, not including the energy for transportation, requiring three liters of water to produce each liter of bottled water, producing more than 2.5 million tons of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas; and
- Because, the City of Traverse City Water Plant provides some of the highest-quality water in the nation equal to or exceeding the quality of bottled water; and
- Because, bottled water is approximately 4,000 times more expensive than tap water, the average price for bottled water is approximately \$1 per pint bottle or \$8 per gallon and the average price for Traverse City water is only 1/5 of 1 cent per gallon; and
- Because, the City of Traverse signed the US Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement to address climate disruption by enacting policies and programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Traverse City will no longer purchase bottled water for use in City of Traverse City facilities or at City of Traverse City events, effective immediately, except for specific authorization by the City Manager for emergency or other unique circumstances.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Traverse City City Commission at its regular meeting held on December 21, 2009, in the Commission Chambers of the Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, MI.

Debra A. Curtiss, MMC, City Clerk