

## **SAMPLE NO-IDLING RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, petroleum-based gasoline and diesel fuel are nonrenewable fuels and should be used wisely and not wasted; and

WHEREAS, emissions from gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles contribute significantly to air pollution, including ground-level ozone, fine particulates, and greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, diesel exhaust from idling school buses can accumulate in and around the bus and pose a health risk to children, drivers and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, exposure to diesel exhaust can cause lung damage and respiratory problems, exacerbate asthma and existing allergies, and long-term exposure is thought to increase the risk of lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, reducing school bus idling time can reduce harmful diesel emissions, save fuel and funds for local school districts; and

WHEREAS, an average school bus uses one-half gallon of diesel fuel for each hour of idling and reducing idling by 30 minutes per day would save 45 gallons and \$112 per bus per year (assuming a diesel cost of \$2.50/gal); and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children's exposure to diesel exhaust particles should be decreased and that idling of diesel vehicles in places where children live and congregate should be minimized to protect their health; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has developed a model policy for schools and school districts to limit school bus idling;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that [Texas school/school district]

Supports the adoption of a school bus idle reduction policy, including a pledge by school bus drivers, school employees, and parents to:

- Turn off school bus engines while waiting to load and to unload students
- Install "Idle Free Zone" signs at school drop-off and pick-up locations
- Turn off vehicles when parents are parked and waiting to pick up and drop off children
- Conduct school-bus driver training on minimizing idling