



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Matthew J. Driscoll, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the City of Syracuse is dedicated to the mutually compatible goals of economic vitality, social equity and environmental stewardship; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Syracuse is dedicated to the environmental health and safety of its employees, and to efficient and productive work environments; and
- WHEREAS,** in the United States, 12 states, 58 local governments, and 9 federal agencies require that the LEED® rating system is utilized for its own buildings; and
- WHEREAS,** municipal government should assume a leadership role in promoting the efficient use of energy and natural resources providing for the long-term protection and enhancement of our environment, our economy, and the health of our citizens and future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency, reduced vehicle miles traveled and waste reduction can provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, extending landfill life, and reducing energy expenditures for the city, its businesses and its citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Syracuse and the Syracuse Common Council started this city on its path to sustainability in 2002; and
- WHEREAS,** as Mayor of this great city I signed the Urban Environmental Accords on November 4, 2005, promising to complete twenty-one proven first steps toward achieving environmental sustainability in seven thematic areas; and
- WHEREAS,** the Syracuse Common Council unanimously approved a resolution endorsing the Urban Environmental Accords on December 19, 2005 continues to forge new ground for this city by unanimously approving a LEED® Resolution on July 10, 2006; and
- WHEREAS,** this City enjoys a unique and timely opportunity to design, construct, and renovate buildings for the 21st century that will incorporate a building's life cycle and reduced operating costs while using measurable and manageable processes established by LEED® to serve the needs of its citizens and employees for years to come; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) is a voluntary, consensus-based, market-driven green building rating system for new and existing commercial and institutional buildings used to determine what constitutes a sustainable building by national standards; and
- WHEREAS,** it is in the best interests of the people of Syracuse that all municipal buildings constructed, expanded, or renovated be modern facilities of the 21st Century, combining the most energy-efficient design, the most environmentally sustainable systems, with maximum access and benefit to employees and the public; and
- WHEREAS,** when schools are constructed using LEED standards measurable improvements in achievement occur such as: savings of \$50 per student, per year, increases in math test scores by 20%, increases in reading scores by 26%, healthier buildings and healthier students; and
- WHEREAS,** the New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) provides low interest loans for energy efficiency measures and building materials that meet LEED® or other generally accepted green building standards, and
- WHEREAS,** The New York State Green Building Tax Credit Program provides a tax incentive to commercial developments incorporating specific green strategies informed by LEED®; and
- WHEREAS,** in accordance with Action 7 of the Urban Environmental Accords, it will be the policy to plan, design, construct, commission, manage, renovate, maintain and decommission City of Syracuse facilities and buildings to be sustainable. City Commissioners, Department Heads and all city staff will be directed to achieve maximum energy efficiency and environmental sustainability relevant to the scope of the new construction or major renovation at the level of LEED®-Certified, unless this cannot be accomplished on a cost effective basis, considering construction and operating costs over the life cycle of the building being constructed, expanded or renovated. All facilities and buildings are encouraged to use higher LEED® rating levels, if feasible. All municipal department heads, whose responsibilities include planning, designing, siting, constructing, renovating or demolishing City-owned facilities, will be responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy.

NOW THEREFORE I, Matthew J. Driscoll, Mayor of the City of Syracuse, do hereby proclaim the thirtieth day of October, two thousand and six as

Satisfying Urban Environmental Accords Action Seven
In the City of Syracuse

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Syracuse to be imprinted this thirtieth day of October, two thousand and six.

Matthew J. Driscoll
Mayor