RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the state of California is currently experiencing historic and unprecedented drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, snowpack in California's mountains is less than a quarter of the normal average and all of California's largest water reservoirs are filled below their seasonal average; and

WHEREAS, the drought has already cost California billions of dollars in economic damage and led to the loss of thousands of jobs; and

WHEREAS, there is a distinct possibility the drought extends into a fifth year in 2016, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday April 1, California Governor Jerry Brown issued executive order B-29-15, which directs the State Water Resources Control Board to implement mandatory water reductions to reduce water usage by 25 percent statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's order also implements new statewide initiatives to increase enforcement against wasteful water use, invest in new water saving technologies, and streamline the response of governments; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's order is critical to ensuring that enough water remains available human health and safety, growing food, fighting fires and protecting fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles has been a leader in reducing water consumption, consuming less water than it did in 1970, and will continue to lead California towards a more sustainable future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2014-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Governor Jerry Brown's Executive Order B-29-15, which will help Los Angeles and California endure historic drought conditions.

PRESENTED BY

PAUL KORETZ

Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY: