Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

This December Canada will be at a crucial UN climate summit in Copenhagen. We are inviting Hamilton to join municipalities from across Canada and around the world, and call for a strong climate agreement in Copenhagen.

At the David Suzuki Foundation we’re putting together a broad-based campaign featuring municipal leaders, Olympic athletes and NHL players, business leaders, faith leaders, and others, who will all be writing or calling the Prime Minister before the summit in December.

Please find attached a draft document for your consideration. We’re proposing that you will sign this declaration (or a similar one), or that Hamilton will pass a council resolution in support of a strong international climate agreement, and then send it to the Prime Minister, and let us (David Suzuki Foundation) know about it.

The David Suzuki Foundation will feature municipal actions, along with those of other community leaders, on our web page about the UN climate summit and in other public outreach activities. Here’s a link to our website:

http://beta.davidsuzuki.org/projects/copenhagen/

Momentum is building. On November 10th, London, Ontario passed a resolution calling for a strong agreement in Copenhagen and other cities across Canada are preparing resolutions and proclamations. As well, a group of the largest US and European cities have signed the “Stockholm Appeal on Climate Change”, which will be released publicly on November 27.

Thank you for your consideration. I’d be happy to discuss this further with you or your staff, or provide any further information you might wish to have. Please contact me at your convenience.

Best regards,

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Mayoral Proclamation, Issued by ______________ Mayor ____________

WHEREAS Global action on global warming is vital for the health of our environment, our communities and our future; and

WHEREAS Taking action on global warming includes investing in public transit and building healthy, pedestrian-friendly neighbourhoods;

WHEREAS Taking action on global warming will also open up tremendous job and business opportunities for Canadian municipalities in the emerging clean-energy economy; and

WHEREAS Canada is at a crossroads, and we need to act now and move forward with solutions to global warming, or risk falling behind other countries that are already re-tooling their economies and creating new jobs; and

WHEREAS Canadians are currently among the top 10 worst global warming polluters on the planet, but municipalities like ours are ready to work together with all levels of government to take responsible action and make Canada a climate action leader; and

WHEREAS An international climate agreement that is ambitious, fair and binding will help ensure that Canadian communities and citizens are ready to meet the challenge of global warming and build a prosperous future, and

WHEREAS Canada will be at the UN Climate Summit in December with other global leaders and has the opportunity to deliver an ambitious, fair and binding international agreement;

THEREFORE, I, _______________, Mayor of _______________, do hereby proclaim

That the City of _______________ supports an ambitious, fair and binding international climate agreement at the UN Climate Summit in December, and I am sending a copy of this declaration to the Prime Minister of Canada, and calling on him to seize the moment and ensure that Canada shows leadership at the UN Climate Summit in December and helps to deliver an ambitious, fair and binding international climate agreement.

Signed by _______________________, Mayor

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