

RESOLUTION NO. R-01-46

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING PARTICIPATION IN THE OZONE FLEX PROGRAM OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Central Arkansas metropolitan area is in technical violation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for eight-hour ozone levels; and

**WHEREAS**, high concentrations of ozone are injurious to the health of our citizens and detrimental to the economic development of the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the **US** Environmental Protection Agency actively encourages regions such as ours to undertake voluntary and collaborative efforts between state and local government, business and industry to reduce the emissions of polluting gases through the Ozone Flex Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ozone Flex Program has the potential for offering some protection from federal regulatory sanctions if progress is being made to reduce pollution levels through local actions; and

**WHEREAS**, such action plans are developed through the negotiation of a Memorandum of Agreement formally adopted by all participants; and

**WHEREAS**, Metroplan, the council of local governments and metropolitan planning organization for Central Arkansas, is the appropriate agency to coordinate and staff this effort; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Conway has determined that it is in the best possible interests of our citizens to reduce air pollution as soon as possible through local efforts rather than federal regulatory mandates;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS THAT:**

The City Council of the City of Conway commits to participate in the US Environmental Protection Agency's Ozone Flex Program and pledges to commit its best efforts at developing a Memorandum of Agreement with local, state and private partners to achieve this worthy goal.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2001.



Tab Townsell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michael O. Garrett, City Clerk