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New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg to give keynote speech at Mayors' Climate Summit in Seattle

SEATTLE – New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg will join the U.S. Conference of Mayors led by Conference President Trenton Mayor Palmer and Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels during a national climate protection summit and first meeting of the signatories of the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement scheduled for November 1-2 in Seattle, Wash.

The Seattle summit will be the largest-ever meeting of American mayors devoted solely to climate protection. The theme of the two-day conference is accelerating local leadership. It will bring city leaders from across the country together to promote effective solutions to global warming at the local and national level. More than 100 mayors are expected to attend the event.

"We can't wait for the Federal Government to take action when it comes to our environment," said Mayor Bloomberg. "Cities are leading the way and making a real difference in cutting greenhouse gas emissions and addressing climate change and I'm looking forward to meeting with my colleagues and sharing ideas and info as we work together to bring about real change."

"We're pleased to have Mayor Bloomberg join the nation's mayors to exchange diverse tools for cities large and small to help curb global warming," said Conference President Trenton Mayor Douglas H. Palmer. "His determination to transform one of the world's largest cities into one of the greenest cities demonstrates that protecting our climate is really happening at the grassroots level."

"Mayor Bloomberg's bold agenda to help solve the threat of global warming has helped change the debate on this issue," Nickels said. "He continues to be a leader for the city of New York and the nation. This summit will give us a chance to share real-world solutions and learn from those who are making a difference in protecting our planet."

Conference President Mayor Palmer named climate protection the top issue of the organization's 10-Point Plan and also launched a new Mayor's Climate Protection Center earlier this year. Mayor Nickels spearheaded the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement in 2005, challenging colleagues from around the country to join him in pledging to significantly cut climate-warming pollution in their cities. The U.S. Conference of Mayors unanimously adopted the agreement. And to date, more than 660 mayors representing more than 73 million Americans have taken the pledge.

Mayor Bloomberg has been a national leader in the effort to fight global warming through his PlanNYC, a sweeping plan to reduce climate pollution in New York City with the support of over 140 environmental, health, civic, business and labor organizations.

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For a list of best practices and more information on what the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Climate Protection Center is doing to reduce global warming in American cities, please visit: <http://usmayors.org/climateprotection/>

Visit Mayor Nickel's web site at www.seattle.gov/mayor. Get the mayor's inside view on efforts to promote transportation, public safety, economic opportunity and healthy communities by signing up for The Nickels Newsletter at www.seattle.gov/mayor/newsletter_signup.htm

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