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Statement by the United States Conference of Mayors President Trenton (NJ) Mayor Douglas H. Palmer in Honor of Earth Day and Announcing U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Center

Washington, DC – "Because the inevitability of climate change has become so evident in cities and has afflicted so many of our urban communities, we have decided to launch a full-time Mayors Climate Protection Center. This Center will seek to aid the heart of America, our nation's cities and its mayors to curb global warming and take action to protect our climate.

This year, Earth Day has become 'Earth Week' and I am glad that this important issue has captured the attention of mainstream America, from kindergarten classrooms to the media and city halls. But I hope that protecting our environment transcends trends and that every American permanently changes their energy consumption habits.

This is a critical time for environmental leaders, government officials, the business community and individual Americans to come together to protect our climate and our planet.

I highly commend the more than 460 U.S. Mayors who have committed to reduce carbon emissions and energy consumption in cities by signing the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. But this is a global climate problem that requires permanent global action, dedication and commitment from every human being.

This earth day, I thank the hundreds of U.S. Mayors that have organized local events and committed to protecting our mother earth."

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