WHEREAS, the Legislature has enacted the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32; Health and Safety Code section 38500 et seq.), which declares that global warming poses a serious threat to the environment of California and creates a comprehensive multi-year program to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that cause global warming;

WHEREAS, AB 32 recognizes that California's actions to address global warming will also position its economy, technology centers, financial institutions, and businesses to benefit from national and international efforts to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases;

WHEREAS, AB 32 directs the Board to provide an opportunity for small businesses to participate in and benefit from statewide efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

WHEREAS, California's 3.4 million small businesses employ 13.8 million Californians and are an important contributor to California's economy;

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2008 the Board adopted Resolution 08-47 which directs the Executive Officer to work with California small businesses during the development of the Scoping Plan regulations, to consider the size of the business and type of industry in developing regulations, to facilitate possible implementation timelines, and to identify programs that could help alleviate costs to small businesses; and

WHEREAS, ARB staff has developed the Small Business Toolkit to help small businesses in California take actions to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and save money;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board concurs that the Small Business Toolkit is an important resource that small businesses can use to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and save money.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Executive Officer to regularly solicit and incorporate additional suggestions and feedback to update the Toolkit; develop and implement a distribution strategy for the Toolkit; and continue working to develop additional tools that can assist California small businesses in their efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 09-42, as adopted by the Air Resources Board.

Monica Vejar, Clerk of the Board