In the year Two Thousand and One...
Resolved by the City Council of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, the Earth Charter is a declaration of the fundamental principles for a sustainable future and an urgent call to built a global partnership for sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, for over a decade hundreds of groups and thousands of individuals throughout the world have been involved in the process of drafting an Earth Charter, and

WHEREAS, the principles of the Earth Charter present a conception of sustainable development and set forth fundamental guidelines for achieving it; and

WHEREAS, the Earth Charter is guided by a commitment to the principle of meeting our needs today, while at the same time enhancing future generations’ ability to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, the Earth Charter sets forth an integrated approach to community development which addresses respect and care for the community of life, ecological integrity, social justice, and democracy, non-violence and peace; and

WHEREAS, the Earth Charter offers principles which will be helpful to cities in addressing pressing issues and challenges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Burlington City Council hereby endorses the Earth Charter and commits the City of Burlington to the realization of its aims.

June 5th, 2001