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## **BLOCK PARTY CALLS ATTENTION TO GLOBAL WARMING ISSUES**

**NEW ORLEANS** – A unique fund-raising event sponsored by three nonprofit organizations will call attention to the issue of global warming while supporting music venues in New Orleans.

The International Day of Action “Save New Orleans, Stop Global Warming Frenchmen St. Block Party” will begin with statements from local elected officials at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4 at Snug Harbor on Frenchmen Street in the Faubourg Marigny. The crawl will continue from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Spotted Cat, from 8 to 9 p.m. at the Dragon’s Den, from 9 to 10 p.m. at DBA, and from 10 on at Café Brazil. The cost to participate is \$10, which will be spent on global warming awareness and sustainable energy policy campaigns in the future.

Wristbands allowing entrance into each club will be available on the day of the event or by calling 258-1247 in advance. Materials, t-shirts, books and DVDs about global warming will be available at each venue.

“New Orleans is considered the most vulnerable city in North America to the effects of global warming,” says Micah Walker Parkin, program director, Alliance for Affordable Energy.

“Because of global warming, seas continue to rise; with as much as a four-foot increase predicted by the year 2100. Plus, the number of category 4 and 5 hurricanes has almost doubled in the past 30 years due to warming oceans. More warming means more intense hurricanes. And that means more flooding from storms because higher sea levels bring higher storm surges.”

Partygoers will send postcards to Congress and state officials urging them to lead efforts to reduce global warming emissions 60 to 85 percent by 2050, the amount scientists predict is needed to prevent the most catastrophic impacts. Parkin says the goal of the event is to raise awareness that the atmosphere and culture of New Orleans are jeopardized by global warming, urge Louisiana leaders to act, and raise money and gather names for future events.

“We can make changes that will prevent the worst impacts of global warming if we have the knowledge and political will,” says Parkin. “Solutions exist. We just need to begin to make changes today.”

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The Alliance for Affordable Energy is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to creating fair, affordable and environmentally responsible energy policies for Louisiana and the nation. Founded in 1985 in New Orleans, the Alliance conducts community education campaigns on energy issues, helps citizens and businesses become more energy efficient, and promotes sustainable energy policy solutions. The organization’s mission has evolved to cover the gamut of energy issues affecting citizens from reducing energy bills to being the state's lead organizer in the fight to stop global warming. [www.all4energy.org](http://www.all4energy.org)

The Gulf Restoration Network is a diverse network of individuals and local, regional and national groups committed to uniting and empowering people to protect and restore the resources of the Gulf Coast region. Founded in 1994, GRN has members in all five Gulf Coast states. GRN plays a pivotal role in providing members with the technical assistance, Gulf-wide strategic collaboration, and campaign support needed to successfully address environmental threats in their communities. For more information, visit: <http://healthygulf.org>.

The Sierra Club's 750,000 members work together to protect communities and the planet. The Club is America's oldest, largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization. The Delta (Louisiana) chapter of the Sierra Club has more than 3,500 members and has been active in local conservation projects for more than 30 years. For more information, contact the organization’s website: [www.louisiana.sierraclub.org](http://www.louisiana.sierraclub.org).