

SWFRPC RESOLUTION NO. 2009-04

A RESOLUTION BY THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE SCALE PHOTOVOLTAIC ELECTRONIC GENERATING FACILITIES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARDS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (Council) supports the construction of a large scale photovoltaic energy project in Florida in order to bring efficient alternative energy sources to benefit communities and the local economy, and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the benefit of reducing dependence on fossil fuels by developing alternative energy sources, of which solar power is among one of the cleanest and most cost effective, and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that solar energy can help to enhance Florida's energy future since it is not subject to oil supply disruption or price volatility, and

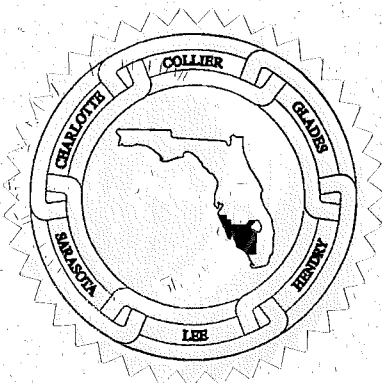
WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the additional number of quality jobs that are created by the construction and operation of solar energy facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the enhanced economic benefit to Florida communities of millions of dollars in property taxes generated directly and indirectly by solar energy centers, and

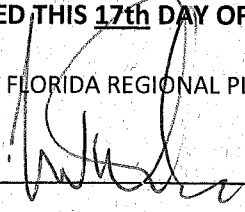
WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the environmental benefits associated with large scale solar energy projects; and

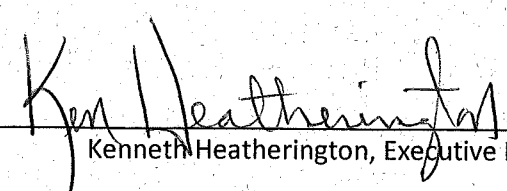
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL that the Council supports the construction of large scale photovoltaic electronic generating facilities and the development of renewable energy standards and will transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Charlie Crist, Senate President Jeff Atwater, Speaker of the House, Larry Cretul, and the Southwest Florida Legislative Delegation.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009.



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL


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