

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-24**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING THE FLORIDA GREEN BUILDING COALITION'S "GREEN CITY" INITIATIVE AND SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S ENERGY ACTION TEAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Sponsored by Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.)**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Palmetto Bay recognizes the importance of developing and using alternative energies and reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, success in pursuing the goals of alternative energy development and cleaner air will enhance America's energy security, improve our environment and provide Floridians with benefits from the economic activity associated with the new energy technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has recognized the significance of these issues by establishing the Florida Energy Commission and the Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida, a group which has recommended the state make energy security and greenhouse gas reduction a top priority; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Governor Charlie Crist has taken a leadership role in this effort by establishing the Energy Action Team to make recommendations on energy and environmental matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc., is an effort committed to the advancement of energy and environmental progress and is supported by diverse groups including the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, River Watch, the Florida Solar Energy Center, the University of Florida Energy Extension and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc., has developed goals and standards for municipalities to pursue in order to promote alternative energies and a cleaner environment, with municipalities that achieve those standards being designated as Florida's "Green Cities" and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Green City Local Government Standard defines those municipalities meeting the "Green City" designation as those that incorporate multiple environmental, ecological and sustainability features into their municipal functions, which features improve environmental performance beyond the minimum required by state and local environmental regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Palmetto Bay recognizes the Green Cities as a catalyst for assisting other municipalities, the state and our nation in achieving goals for energy efficiency and environmental progress.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Village of Palmetto Bay commends Governor Charlie Crist and the State of Florida for their leadership in advancing alternative energies and a cleaner environment, and commits to working with the Governor's Energy Action Team and the Florida Energy Commission on these important issues, with the objective of providing solutions at the municipal level that are voluntary, locally determined, economically feasible, and incentive-based.

Section 2. The Village hereby endorses the Florida Green Building Coalition's "Green City" initiative as a voluntary means for municipalities to take positive steps toward and advancing our environmental quality and energy security.

Section 3. The Village hereby encourages other municipalities to participate in the Green City initiative and commits to assist Florida's municipalities in the development of programs that achieve the Green City standards and designation, involve cost-effective solutions, improve Florida's quality of life, and strengthen our economy.

Section 4. The Village encourages the State of Florida to support the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc., in the advancement and expansion of the Green City program in a manner that is economically feasible.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

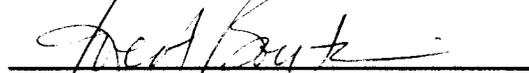
PASSED and ADOPTED this 3<sup>RD</sup> day of March, 2008.

Attest:

  
Meghan Rader,  
Village Clerk

  
Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.,  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Eve A. Boutsis,  
Nagin Gallop Figueredo, P.A.  
Office of Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Council Member Ed Feller	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Paul Neidhart	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Shelley Stanczyk	<u>YES</u>
Vice-Mayor Linda Robinson	<u>YES</u>
Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.	<u>YES</u>