

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FOR SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY AND THE FLORIDA SOLAR FINANCING ACTION PLAN

**WHEREAS**, solar photovoltaic energy offers many potential benefits, including lower electricity costs for homeowners, businesses, and governments; local jobs and economic development; reduced dependence on imported fuels; and pollution-free electricity generation;

**WHEREAS**, Florida has the third-highest potential for rooftop solar energy generation in the United States, but currently ranks 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation for installed solar capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, in late 2013, the Go SOLAR Florida team, consisting of Broward, Alachua, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Orange, and St. Lucie counties, the City of Venice, the Florida Solar Energy Center, and Florida Atlantic University, received a \$2.3 million Rooftop Solar Challenge II grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to expand the streamlined online solar permitting system developed by Broward County under an earlier grant award; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the Rooftop Solar Challenge II grant deliverables is a Florida Solar Financing Action Plan, exploring the benefits of solar energy and outlining a strategy to improve access to solar financing in the state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Florida Solar Financing Action Plan: A Menu of Options* contains a variety of financing options for homeowners, businesses, and local governments to consider, while recognizing there is no one-size-fits-all solution for the diverse types of communities, families, and businesses in the state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, to build support for solar photovoltaic energy generation and awareness of solar financing options within the state of Florida, the Go SOLAR Florida team is seeking to secure resolutions of support from all counties and local jurisdictions in state of Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Commission supports the expansion of solar photovoltaic energy generation in the state of Florida.

**SECTION 2.** The City Commission welcomes the publication of the *Florida Solar Financing Action Plan: A Menu Options* as a valuable resource for local governments seeking to expand the use of solar photovoltaic energy in their

communities, without specifically endorsing any of the individual options contained therein.

**SECTION 3.** The City Commission directs City Staff to review the Florida Solar Financing Action Plan: A Menu of Options and determine if any options therein should be recommended for consideration by the City Commission.

**SECTION 4.** The City Commission encourages all other counties and municipalities in Florida to adopt this or similar resolutions supporting solar photovoltaic energy generation and awareness of solar financing options within the state of Florida.

**SECTION 5. SERVABILITY.** If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any court to be invalid, the invalid portion shall be stricken, and such striking shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Resolution,. If any Court determines that this Resolution, or any portion hereof, cannot be legally applied to any individual (s), group (s), entity (ies), property (ies) or circumstance (s), such determination shall not affect the applicability hereof to any other individual , group, entity, property, or circumstance.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS XXX DAY OF XX, A.D., 2015.

APPROVED:

JAMES C. CASON  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK

CRAIG E. LEEN  
CITY ATTORNEY