CITY OF PLANTATION
Resolution No. 10481

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PLANTATION TO
BECOME A "GREEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT" THROUGH
IMPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE, USING
CRITERIA AND STANDARDS DEVELOPED BY THE
FLORIDA GREEN BUILDING COALITION, AND
ENCOURAGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND THE
GOVERNOR TO SUPPORT THE GREEN LOCAL
GOVERNMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City of Plantation recognizes that global climate change is a
concern for our generation, and future generations as well; and

WHEREAS, the City has endorsed by Mayoral signature the US Conference of
Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, and is committed to reducing harmful
greenhouse gas emissions, a significant contributor to global climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plantation understands that its employees, residents and
businesses have a direct and/or indirect effect on the local, regional and global
environment; and

WHEREAS, we believe that successful environmental stewardship will enhance
local and national energy savings efforts, lessen the City's negative impact on the
environment, protect natural resources for future generations, and result in long term
cost savings; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc., is a Florida non-profit
corporation with open membership whose primary mission is to develop and maintain
Green Designation Standards for Florida, and to promote cost-effective, sustainable
improvements in the built environment; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc., not only presents
opportunities for a municipality to "be green," but also provides examples and resources
covering how to do it; and
WHEREAS, the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc. has developed the “Green Local Government Standard,” which designates Green Cities and Green Counties for outstanding environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the Green Local Government Standard focuses on improving municipal environmental performance through measurable criteria in order to encourage the use of alternative energies, implement “green” policies and procedures, and promote a cleaner environment; and

WHEREAS, the Green Local Government Standard was developed with the participation and support of Florida cities and counties, and recognizes the diversity of Florida’s municipalities and their need for flexibility and autonomy; and

WHEREAS, municipalities who incorporate sufficient criteria such that they meet or exceed designated thresholds are certified as a “Green Local Government,” which is defined as a City or county that incorporates multiple environmental, ecological and sustainability features through the functions they perform; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Plantation deem it in the best interest of citizens and residents of the City of Plantation to support the Green Local Government Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City of Plantation:

Section 1. That the City of Plantation endorses the Florida Green Building Coalition’s “Green Local Government Standard” as a voluntary means for a municipality to take positive steps toward improving and advancing environmental quality and energy savings efforts;

Section 2. That the City of Plantation will pursue steps toward becoming a Florida Green Local Government using the Green Local Government Standard developed by the Florida Green Building Coalition;
Section 3. That the City of Plantation encourages the Florida Legislature and Governor Charlie Crist to support the Green Local Government program of the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc., as a means for Florida municipalities to improve their environmental stewardship at a local, grass roots level, through participation in a program that is voluntary, fiscally defensible, and tailored to the specific environmental goals of each municipality and its citizens.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of Plantation, this 28th day of January, 2009.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK