

**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.

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**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 measureable 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.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK