MAYORS' GREEN CITY ACTION ACCORD

Whereas, Florida's municipalities recognize 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 as well as the Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida, 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 which 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 Board of Directors of the Florida League of Cities recognizes the Green Cities initiative as a catalyst for assisting municipalities, the state and our nation in achieving goals for energy efficiency and environmental progress;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. That the Board of Directors of the Florida League of Cities commends Governor Charlie Crist and the State of Florida for 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. That the Board of Directors of the Florida League of Cities endorses the Florida Green Building Coalition's "Green City" initiative as a voluntary means for municipalities to take positive steps toward improving and advancing our environmental quality and energy security;

Section 3. That the Board of Directors of the Florida League of Cities hereby encourages 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-efficient solutions; improve Florida's quality of life; and strengthen our economy;

Section 4. That the Board of Directors of the Florida League of Mayors encourages the State of Florida and the National League of Cities 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 and which respects the diversity and home rule authority of Florida's municipalities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Florida League of Cities, Inc., this 17th Day of August 2007.

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"Green Mayor" Support Statement

The undersigned "Green Mayor" endorses the Mayor's Green City Action Accord adopted by the Board of Directors for the Florida League of Cities, Inc., on August 18, 2007 and by the Board of the Directors of the Florida League of Mayors, Inc. on August 17, 2007; and commits to work within his/her city to develop programs consistent with the Florida Green Building Coalition's Green City initiative, that advance energy security and a better environment.

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Signature (Green Mayor)

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Mayor's Name

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City

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Date

Steps to Becoming a Florida Green Local Government

1) **Learn about the Florida Green Local Government Standard.**
   Contact the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc. (FGBC) who operates and maintains the standard. An individual will be available to introduce you to the process.

   www.FloridaGreenBuilding.org
   info@FloridaGreenBuilding.org
   321-638-1450

2) **Designate an office, department, or individual as Project Coordinator.**
   The Project Coordinator will be the main link between the local government and FGBC. A project evaluator will be assigned to your team by FGBC.

3) **Determine what criteria apply to the local government.**
   Since the standard's criteria are organized in terms of generic local government functions, the coordinator will perform an exercise to determine what criteria will apply to the local government. For example, if there is no public electric utility, certain criteria will not apply. The exercise will enable the Project Coordinator to determine the *Maximum Applicable Points Total*. The Project Coordinator will also determine which department is likely to perform each function, in order to distribute criteria effectively.

4) **Conduct a local government assessment review in cooperation with departments.**
   After criteria has been distributed to appropriate departments, individual departments review the criteria and indicate what has been done or is planned for implementation, and also indicate what is likely to be considered in the interest of achieving the standard, and for the benefit of the local government.

5) **Conduct a local government evaluation.**
   The Project Coordinator collects all departmental information, and determines where the local government currently falls in reference to the suggested levels of compliance. The Project Coordinator then prepares a summary report that is sent to all applicable local government departments.

6) **Schedule implementation meeting to outline path towards qualification.**
   The coordinator then assembles a meeting of departmental representatives to discuss the status in reference to the standard. An interactive process then begins whereby areas of cooperation are explored, potential sustainable and green improvements are identified, and a plan is outlined with the intent of brining the city/county towards compliance with the standard. Designation Levels are awarded based on achieving percentages of the *Maximum Applicable Points Total.*

7) **Submit application and all necessary documentation to FGBC, Inc. for evaluation.**
   At which time the local government believes they have met the minimum requirements of the standard, a submittal is provided to FGBC with necessary documentation such that the efforts can be reviewed, and the designation awarded.

-----Original Message-----
From: jessica concepcion [mailto:jessica@ecotechwater.com]
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 2:00 PM
To: vernon@fir.com
Subject: Mayor's Green City Action Accord

Dear Mayor Vernon,

I am a member of the Florida Green Building Coalition and Secretary of the "Local Government Green Standards Committee". http://www.floridagreenbuilding.org .

Recently, the Florida League of Mayors and the Florida League of Cities each passed by unanimous vote a "Mayor's Green City Action Accord" resolution supporting the Florida Green Building Coalition and their Local Government Green Standards. Also, the Florida Association of Counties is in the process of adopting a similar resolution.

Pursuant to the above action at the direction of the Governor Crist Green Team, the Florida League of Mayors and the Florida League of Cities, the Green Standards Committee is contacting every Mayor in the State of Florida and asking them to individually sign both resolutions and introduce them to the FGBC Green Standards. When all the signatures have
been collected, they will be presented to Mayor Rick Baker, Vice Chair of the Governor Crist Green Team at a State wide Press Event.

Once you have signed both resolutions, we have provided a Press Release for you to release to your local Media.

Each Mayor will send the originals to Terry Janssen, co-chair of the Local Government Green Standards Committee, at 7121 Gulf Boulevard, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706.

This process gets each Mayor and their city local and state wide media recognition for being sustainable. We hope to also command National Press recognizing Florida and its Cities for their environmental efforts.

Please contact me if you need any assistance or if you have any questions.

THANK YOU!
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