

## RESOLUTION

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, pollution-free electricity generation, and a more resilient electric grid; and

WHEREAS, Florida has the third-highest potential for rooftop solar energy generation in the United States, but currently ranks 12<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 \$1.6 million Rooftop Solar Challenge II grant from the US 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; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Solar Financing Action Plan contains a variety of financing options for homeowners, businesses, and local, state, and federal 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 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 67 counties in Florida; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Board supports the expansion of solar photovoltaic (PV) energy in the State of Florida.

Section 2. The Board welcomes the publication of the Florida Solar Financing Action Plan (Exhibit 1) 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 within.

Section 3. The Board directs County staff to review the Florida Solar Financing Action Plan and determine if any of the options within should be pursued by the County.

Section 4. The Board encourages all other counties in Florida to adopt this Resolution.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.  
This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.