





**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SOLAR PURCHASING CO-OPS IN CONCEPT; DIRECTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S DESIGNEE TO PROVIDE IN-KIND SUPPORT FOR INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS ON SOLAR CO-OPS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, there is growing interest from homeowners in Palm Beach County to reduce their energy bills, generate pollution-free renewable energy, and to be resilient to storms and hurricanes; and

**WHEREAS**, elsewhere in Florida and in other parts of the country, neighborhood solar purchasing co-ops have been created through entities such as Solar United Neighborhoods of Florida working with several counties and city governments; and

**WHEREAS**, solar purchasing co-ops are voluntary groups that may buy solar panels or other solar infrastructure in bulk for their members as a way to make solar power more affordable and accessible to the members of solar co-ops; and

**WHEREAS**, solar purchasing co-ops may also offer technical expertise and individualized assistance to property owners who are interested in solar power; and

**WHEREAS**, Solar United Neighbors of Florida has established solar purchasing co-ops in Broward County, Sarasota County, Alachua County,

Hillsborough County, Volusia County, Seminole County, Orange County, St. Petersburg, and the Space Coast region; and

**WHEREAS**, Solar United Neighbors of Florida is in the process of establishing solar purchasing co-ops in Palm Beach County, and property owners in the County who are interested in solar power may benefit from being able to choose to be part of a solar co-op; and

**WHEREAS**, Solar United Neighbors of Florida has represented that its solar purchasing co-ops around the country include moderate income neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to support the creation of solar purchasing co-ops in concept and to in-kind support for informational meetings on solar co-ops for interested property owners in Palm Beach County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

**Section 1.**

This Board hereby expresses its support in concept for solar purchasing co-ops and directs the County Administrator or County Administrator's designee to provide, in her discretion, in-kind support for informational meetings on solar purchasing co-ops throughout the County.

**Section 2.**

The provisions of this Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_,  
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner  
\_\_\_\_\_, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Hal R. Valeche	-	_____
Commissioner Paulette Burdick	-	_____
Commissioner Dave Kerner	-	_____
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams	-	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Berger:	-	_____
Commissioner Melissa McKinlay	-	_____
Commissioner Mack Bernard	-	_____

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Palm Beach County, Florida by its  
Board of County Commissioners

Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved as to Form and  
Legal Sufficiency

BY:   
Assistant County Attorney