

RESOLUTION NO. 96-115

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Resolution in Support of Joining the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign

WHEREAS, the burning of fossil fuels (i.e. coal, oil, and gas) accounts for more than 85% of greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, local governments greatly influence their community's energy usage by exercising key powers over land use, transportation, building construction, and waste management; and

WHEREAS, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the County government, its businesses and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, sponsored by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will provide cities/counties in the Campaign with:

- a framework for determining the sources of local greenhouse gas emissions;
- information and assistance in developing a local action plan that will reduce energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions and provide tangible community benefits, and;
- publications such as the *Climate Action Tool Kit for Municipal Managers*, and *Profiting from Energy Efficiency*.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Sarasota County pledges to join with cities all over the world in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as a participant in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, Sarasota County pledges to:

1. Take a leadership role in increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from County operations.
2. Continue to operate a Local Air Pollution Control Program providing for the regulation of air pollution sources which contribute greenhouse gas emissions throughout the County.
3. Develop a local action plan which establishes a greenhouse gas reduction goal and outlines a County-wide program for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida, this 9th day of July, 1996.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: 
Chairman

ATTEST:
KAREN E. RUSHING, Clerk of Circuit Court
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County
Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida

By: 
Deputy Clerk

