

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-129
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHICH DEMONSTRATES A CONTINUED COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF SARASOTA COUNTY GOVERNMENT (HEREIN REFERRED TO AS THE "COUNTY"), TO ELECTRIFYING TRANSPORTATION IN OUR REGION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UTILITY PROVIDERS, REGIONAL AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, BUSINESSES, AND CONSUMERS COMMITTED TO THE INTEGRATION OF PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLES THROUGH THE GET READY TAMPA BAY PARTNERSHIP.

WHEREAS, Sarasota County is dedicated to becoming a leader in the adoption of advanced vehicle technology and was a founding member of Austin Energy's Plug-In Partners National Campaign with Resolution #2005-278, joining as "Plug-In Sarasota County;" and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has already established electric transportation initiatives including the Renewable Energy Community Demonstration Project in partnership with the National Renewable Energy Lab in 2006, the first Renewable Energy Community workshop in the U.S. in 2008, and the first local government in Florida to include plug-in hybrid electric vehicles in their Fleet through a partnership with Florida Power & Light in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council has organized the Get Ready Tampa Bay Project, affiliated with the Rocky Mountain Institute's national Project Get Ready, to facilitate electrifying the region's transportation sector through the use of electric vehicles, flexible fuel plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, and other lower-polluting transportation alternatives that will provide substantial economic, environmental and social benefits for communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, in public meeting assembled: That the COUNTY join the Get Ready Tampa Bay Project, provide a staff representative(s) to the Get Ready Tampa Bay Technical Advisory Group, and direct staff to work with the U.S. Department of Energy, local and state governments, the local utility provider, businesses and environmental/consumer organizations to identify possible incentives and charging infrastructure needs for electric vehicles and flexible fuel plug-in hybrid electric vehicles in our community.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida, this 26 day of July, 2011.

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

By: Narc. Peltier
Chairman



ATTEST:

**KAREN E. RUSHING, Clerk of Circuit Court
And Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County
Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida**

By: Karen E. Rushing
Deputy Clerk