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

KAREN E. RUSHING
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
SARASOTA COUNTY

A Resolution of The Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County, Florida, which demonstrates a commitment on the part of Sarasota County Government (herein referred to as the "COUNTY"), to partner with Austin Energy of the City of Austin, Texas, and other communities to support federal, state and local policies that will advance flexible-fuel, Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs).

WHEREAS, the over-reliance of America on foreign oil has become a growing and serious threat to the economic vitality and national security interest of the United States; and

WHEREAS, automobile emissions are a contributing factor to global warming and to smog in our cities, which threaten the health of our citizens and the sustainability of our planet; and

WHEREAS, the imbalance between gasoline resources and worldwide demand is escalating gasoline prices at an alarming rate and to levels that overburden commerce, hurt economic growth and cause serious hardship on our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the transportation sector will ultimately move away from the use of non-renewable fuels and will transition to sustainable and non-polluting alternatives for clean transportation choices that reduce our dependence on foreign fuels; and

WHEREAS, the technology exists today to build a flexible-fuel plug-in hybrid-electric automobile that could reduce oil imports, fuel costs to our citizens and our economy and air emissions by dramatic margins; and

WHEREAS, electrifying the transportation sector through the use of electric vehicles, flexible fuel PHEVs, and other non-polluting transportation alternatives will provide substantial economic, environmental and social benefits for the community; and

WHEREAS, the development of flexible-fuel PHEVs will assist in the transition to a hydrogen economy by fostering the commercialization of gas-optional vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY is dedicated to becoming a leader in clean energy technology development and has already established policies and programs that conserve energy and promote sustainability; 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 Plug-In Partners National Campaign as "Plug-In Sarasota County;" and, that the County Administrator may 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 to build a market for flexible-fuel PHEVs.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, DULY ADOPTED AND ORDERED the 6th day of December, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SARASOTA COUNTY

By: *Samuel Medina*
Chairman

ATTEST:

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

By: *Paula J. Clinton*
Deputy Clerk