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

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA ADVISING THE CITIZENS TO USE PRECAUTIONS IN USING HOUSEHOLD AND OUTDOOR CHEMICALS TO LESSEN ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE AND POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON HUMAN HEALTH ESPECIALLY CHILDREN.

WHEREAS, The Sarasota County Board of Commissioners having become advised of the publication of the President’s Cancer Report has concerns relative to the health and safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, this concern is addressed by a recent EPA announcement that plans on reducing the concentration of targeted chemicals by a certain percent in the general population by 2015; and

WHEREAS, Sarasota citizens when implementing their choices in home and lawn pest control options should consider following the Precautionary Principle especially in chemical control options. This principle is an approach that requires minimizing or eliminating potential hazards at the onset of prescribed usage instead of the approach that determines an acceptable or unknown level of harm. Citizen should consider the Precautionary Principle before using home and lawn chemicals when young children are present thereby eliminating a potential hazard rather than accepting a level of risk; and

WHEREAS, Sarasota County government believes that individual residents, have the power to protect the health of current and future generations of Sarasota citizens and to reduce the burden of exposure to environmental home and lawn chemicals through their own actions:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Board of Sarasota County Commissioners recommends that citizens and consumers who want to reduce risk to environmental exposure are advised to use sustainable pest control methods that remove sources of food, water, and shelter for reduction of pests and to reduce or eliminate pest problems coupled with consideration of the Precautionary Principle if chemical control options are selected.

Section 2. The Board of Sarasota County Commissioners recommends citizens consider selecting plants that are adapted to their yards and resistant to pest problems, avoiding problematic and invasive plants, and properly installing and maintaining plants to reduce reliance on watering, fertilizer and pesticide/herbicides applications.
PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF September, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: ________________
   Chair

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

BY: ________________
   DEPUTY CLERK

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