

RESOLUTION NO. 080158

PASSED: _____

A Resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida to pursue measures to attain “Green Local Government” certification through improved environmental performance using criteria and standards developed by the Florida Green Building Coalition, encouraging the Legislature and Governor to support the Green Local Government Program, and authorizing the City Manager to seek certification:

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville recognizes the importance of environmental stewardship in a variety of media, including energy, water, air, land and water; and

WHEREAS, successful environmental stewardship practices will enhance local and national energy security, protect natural resources for future generations, and result in long term cost savings; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc., is a Florida non-profit corporation with open membership whose primary mission is to develop and maintain Green Designation Standards for Florida and to promote cost-effective, sustainable improvements in the built environment; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc. has developed the “Green Local Government Standard,” which designates Green Cities and Green Counties for outstanding environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the Green Local Government standard focuses on improving municipal environmental performance through measurable criteria for municipalities to pursue in order to promote alternative energies and a cleaner environment; and

WHEREAS, because the Green Local Government Standard was developed with the participation of cities and counties, it recognizes the diversity of Florida’s municipalities and their need for flexibility and autonomy; and

WHEREAS, municipalities who incorporate sufficient criteria such that they meet or exceed designated thresholds are “certified” or “registered” as a Green Local Government; and

WHEREAS, a Green Local Government is defined as a city or county that incorporates multiple environmental, ecological and sustainability features throughout the functions they perform that improve the environmental performance considerably over a city or county that just minimally meets state and local regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Green Local Government Standard is a useful reference even for those municipalities who do not choose to become “certified” or “registered”, but who are trying to achieve a particular environmental goal.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City of Gainesville endorse the Florida Green Building Coalition's "Green Local Government Standard" as a voluntary means for municipalities to take positive steps toward improving and advancing environmental quality and energy security;

Section 2. The City of Gainesville pursue steps toward becoming a Florida Green Local Government using the Green Local Government Standard developed by the Florida Green Building Coalition;

Section 3. The City of Gainesville encourages the Florida Legislature and Governor Crist to support the Green Local Government program of the Florida Green Building Coalition, Inc. as a means for Florida municipalities to use their home rule powers to improve their environmental stewardship through participation in a program that is voluntary, fiscally defensible, and tailored to the specific environmental goals of each municipality and its citizens.

Section 4. The City Manager is hereby directed and authorized to coordinate the various departments of the General Government in order to collect the needed information and to initiate and complete the Green Local Government application process.

Section 5. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Passed and adopted this _____ day of July, 2008.

PEGEEN HANRAHAN
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Approved as to form and legality:

KURT M. LANNON
CLERK OF THE COMMISISON

MARION J. RADSON
CITY ATTORNEY