

A Resolution in Support of Onshore/Offshore Wind Energy Development

Whereas, according to the Department of Energy, the wind power capacity installed in the United States by the end of 2009 would be able to supply roughly 2.5% of the nation's electricity consumption; and,

Whereas, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, wind power, which supplies thousands of jobs in the United States, is the fastest growing sector in renewable energy; and,

Whereas, offshore wind represents a significant source of clean, renewable energy; and,

Whereas, wind is a domestic source of energy, that is shielded from foreign interests; and,

Whereas, wind energy represents one of the largest, cheapest sources of power that poses no significant harm to the environment; and,

Whereas, wind energy projects offer stable prices over as much as a 20-year period in contrast to the volatile costs of fossil fuels; and,

Whereas, wind development is dependent upon supportive local policies and public opinion;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE [CITY COUNCIL/COUNTY COMMISSION] OF [CITY, STATE]:

- 1) **DECLARES** wind energy to be an important source of clean energy, and a significant job-creating industry; and,
- 2) **SUPPORTS** the development of renewable energy resources, particularly onshore and offshore wind; and,
- 3) **ENCOURAGES** educational institutions and wind energy developers to train and utilize the local workforce and human resources of the City/County; and,
- 4) **PROMOTES** open dialog with local stakeholders and potential wind energy developers in order to inform the public and maximize the potential for implementation of available wind resources and development of supportive training and manufacturing facilities.