

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-50**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF  
NORTH BAY VILLAGE, FLORIDA  
ENCOURAGING THE FLORIDA  
LEGISLATURE TO REMOVE BARRIERS  
TO CUSTOMER-SITED SOLAR POWER  
AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE  
FLORIDIANS FOR SOLAR CHOICE  
BALLOT PETITION; PROVIDING FOR AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE. *(INTRODUCED BY  
COMMISSIONER RICHARD CHERVONY)***

**WHEREAS**, solar power generates electricity with zero air emissions and no water use, thereby moving the county, state, and country to a cleaner and more sustainable energy future; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida has the greatest potential for rooftop solar power of any state in the eastern United States but lags in realizing that potential; with 9 million electric utility customer accounts, Florida has only 6,000 customer-sited solar systems. Less sunny states like New Jersey have over 30,000 customer-sited solar systems but only half the population of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida is one of only five states in the United States that by law expressly denies citizens and businesses the freedom to buy solar power electricity directly from someone other than a power company!; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing non-utility solar providers to provide solar generated electricity, through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), directly to customers can remove the upfront cost for solar power systems to homeowners and expand solar power options to residential and commercial tenants - thereby expanding the choice for solar power to all Floridians; and

**WHEREAS**, in states, such as New York or New Jersey, where non-utilities can provide solar generated power directly to customers, there has been significant solar development in the residential sector. Such arrangements have driven anywhere from 67% (New York) to 92% (New Jersey) of residential installations in those states; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida spends about \$58 billion each year buying carbon-based fuels from other states and countries to power our homes, businesses and cars, while solar power will keep energy dollars here at home and create good paying local jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, in a recent poll, 74% of Florida voters said they support a proposal to change the state's current law and allow Floridians to contract directly with solar power providers for their electricity. Removing barriers to solar choice will allow more Floridians to take advantage of the power of the sun; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF NORTH BAY VILLAGE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Commission of North Bay Village, Florida, hereby urges the Florida Legislature to remove barriers that limits the sale of solar-generated electricity directly to a customer by anyone other than a power company and supporting the *Floridians for Solar Choice* ballot petition to amend the Florida Constitution

**Section 2.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Richard Chervony, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wendy Duvall and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

**FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:**

Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Jorge Gonzalez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Richard Chervony	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Wendy Duvall	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Eddie Lim	<u>Yes</u>

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 12th day of May 2015.

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Connie Leon-Kreps  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Yvonne P. Hamilton  
Village Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR USE ONLY BY  
NORTH BAY VILLAGE:**

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Robert L. Switkes & Associates, P.A.  
Village Attorney

North Bay Village Resolution: Encouraging the Florida Legislature to remove barriers to customer-sited Solar Power and Expressing support for the Floridians for solar choice ballot petition – Resolution No. 2015-50.

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iFlorida Public Service Commission, *Reporting Requirements for Interconnection and Net Metering Customer-owned*

*Renewable Generation*, at:

<http://www.psc.state.fl.us/utilities/electricgas/customerrenewable/2013/2013%20Net%20Metering%20Summary%20Spreadsheet/2013%20Net%20Metering%20Chart.pdf>

iiDepartment of Energy, et. al, *Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency*, at

[http://www.dsireusa.org/documents/summarymaps/3rd\\_Party\\_PPA\\_Map.pdf](http://www.dsireusa.org/documents/summarymaps/3rd_Party_PPA_Map.pdf)

iiiSEIA-GTM. *US. Solar Market Insight Report: Q3 2014*.

ivNorthstar Opinion Research, Survey of Florida Registered Voters, October 2014, at: [http://www.cleanenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/FL\\_Energy\\_Presentation\\_fair\\_Release.pdf](http://www.cleanenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/FL_Energy_Presentation_fair_Release.pdf)

