

RESOLUTION 2015-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BEACH,
FLORIDA ENCOURAGING THE
FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REMOVE
BARRIERS TO CUSTOMER-SITED
SOLAR POWER; AND EXPRESSING
SUPPORT FOR THE FLORIDIANS FOR
SOLAR CHOICE BALLOT INITIATIVE;
AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF
MICROGRID TECHNOLOGY; AND
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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 from a monopoly electric utility; and,

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of businesses, conservatives and environmental organizations is working to place a question on the 2016 general election ballot asking voters to decide on expanding solar choice to Florida families and businesses and to remove barriers that currently blocks clean, renewable solar power; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed ballot initiative will result in more homeowners being able to contract with companies that can provide solar power systems at no upfront costs and sell power directly to the customer at a long-term fixed rate; and,

WHEREAS, solar systems working in conjunction with the development of Microgrid Technology may prove to be the ultimate electrical power solution for Florida communities working with local government authorities to gain a high level of independence from a electric utility monopoly,

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLEAIR BEACH, FLORIDA,
HEREBY RESOLVES:**

The Belleair Beach City Council hereby supports the removal of all barriers that currently block clean, renewable solar power and to expand solar choice by allowing all electric utility customers the option to power their homes and businesses with solar power.

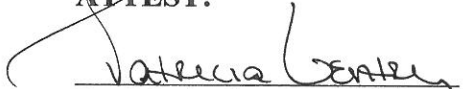
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Belleair Beach City Council urges the Florida Legislature to remove all legal barriers that limit the sale of solar-generated electricity directly to Florida residents, and to pave the way for the development of Microgrid Technology in Florida communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Belleair Beach City Council supports the 2016 *Floridians For Solar Choice* ballot petition to amend the Florida Constitution pertaining to the removal of barriers that block the development of clean, renewable solar power.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to each member of the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation and to the Office of the Governor of Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of July, 2015, at a regular meeting of the City Council of Belleair Beach, Florida, at which a quorum was present.

ATTEST:



Patricia A. Gentry, CMC
City Clerk



Rob Baldwin, Mayor