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RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 78

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA ENCOURAGING
THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO
CUSTOMER-SITED SOLAR POWER AND EXPRESSING
SUPPORT FOR THE FLORIDIANS FOR SOLAR CHOICE BALLOT
PETITION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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 thirty thousand (30,000) customer-sited 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 sixty seven (67%) percent
(New York) to ninety two (92%) percent (New Jersey) of residential installations in those states;
and

33 **WHEREAS**, Florida spends about \$58 billion each year buying carbon-based fuels from
34 other states and countries to power our homes, businesses and cars, while solar power will keep
35 energy dollars here at home and create good paying local jobs, and
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37 **WHEREAS**, in a recent poll, seventy four (74%) percent of Florida voters said they support
38 a proposal to change the state's current law and allow Floridians to contract directly with solar
39 power providers for their electricity. Removing barriers to solar choice will allow more Floridians
40 to take advantage of the power of the sun; and
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42 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission have determined that the supporting the
43 removal of barriers to customer-sited solar power and expressing support for Floridians for Solar
44 Choice Ballot Petition is in the best interest of the City and its residents.
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46 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF**
47 **THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:**
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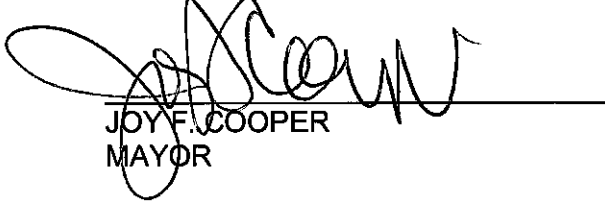
49 **SECTION 1. Support of Solar Choice.** The Mayor and City Commission hereby urge
50 the Florida Legislature to remove barriers that limits the sale of solar-generated electricity directly
51 to a customer by anyone other than a power company and supporting the Floridians for Solar
52 Choice ballot petition to amend the Florida Constitution to remove the barrier to customer-sited
53 solar power.
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55 **SECTION 2. Directions to City Clerk.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a
56 certified copy of this resolution to all Members of the Florida Legislature.
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58 **SECTION 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its
59 passage and adoption.


60 APPROVED and ADOPTED this 5th day of August, 2015.

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JOY F. COOPER
MAYOR

66 SPONSORED BY: MAYOR JOY F. COOPER

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73 MARIO BATAILLE, CMC
74 CITY CLERK

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76 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
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82 V. LYNN WHITFIELD
83 CITY ATTORNEY

VOTE
AYE/NAY

Mayor Cooper	X /	_____
Vice Mayor Julian	X /	_____
Comm. Lazarow	X /	_____
Comm. London	X /	_____
Comm. Sanders	_____ /	X _____