

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
FACULTY SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  
REGARDING GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST'S "GREEN INITIATIVES"**

WHEREAS, Florida Governor Charlie Crist has in 2007 proposed several initiatives for the State of Florida and for State Government pertaining to the environment and generally referred to as "Green Initiatives"; and

WHEREAS, The University of Florida has an existing and growing commitment to a protecting the environment for present and future generations, under the umbrella of UF's strong commitment to sustainability, as evidenced by the following:

- UF is actively promoting the holistic integration of sustainability throughout its operations, education, research, and outreach. The campus was the inaugural host of Florida's *Best Practices in Campus and Community Sustainability* conference in 2006.
- UF's 2006 *commitment to LEED-silver criteria in all new construction* has resulted in two Gold-certified buildings, 8 certified buildings, and the development of a 32-building LEED-EB portfolio for energy efficiency in renovations.
- The *Florida Institute for Sustainable Energy* brings together 150 faculty to develop new technologies – from fuel cells, batteries, and solar cells to biofuels and nuclear power – in order to create a sustainable energy future for Florida and the world.
- In October 2006, J. Bernard Machen was the first university president to sign the *American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment* to develop a plan for achieving carbon neutrality on campus.
- Gator Dining Services sources upwards of 30% of the food served in campus dining halls from regional growers, *reducing the carbon footprint of the food served and supporting the regional agricultural economy.*
- The EPA named UF one of the *Best Workplaces for Commuters* in 2006, honoring the university's commitment to promoting alternative modes of transportation for the more than 50,000 daily visitors to campus, including ride-sharing, fare-free transit, and pedestrian and bicycle safety programs. UF also stocks biodiesel and E85 ethanol on campus for use in fleet vehicles.
- Florida's *award-winning commitment to sustainability* is supported by an Office of Sustainability, a Sustainability Committee, a Faculty Fellow in Sustainability, more than 15 student groups committed to leading change toward sustainability, a coalition of Greeks Going Green, and a student government elected on a sustainability platform;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Faculty Senate commends Florida Governor Charlie Crist for proposing his Green Initiatives for the State of Florida and for Florida State government.