

RESOLUTION NO. 2009- 142

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A RENEWABLE  
ENERGY INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the role of agriculture and forestry as an energy producer has the potential to positively impact national security and trade imbalances; and

**WHEREAS**, an affordable, reliable and plentiful energy supply is critical to the economy of Nassau County and the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Nassau County supports and promotes the production and use of sustainable renewable energy in Nassau County; and

**WHEREAS**, Nassau County supports the advancement of conservation, dedicated energy crops, waste-minimizing methods and alternative energy initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of renewable energy sources, including biodiesel, biomass, methane digesters, and ethanol, is not only immensely beneficial to the environment, but also provides multiple benefits to rural communities and agricultural and forestry sectors by spawning additional markets for agricultural commodities , wood products, increasing farm income, creating added value uses for crops, livestock, and their byproducts, using marginal lands more productively, and improving wildlife habitat; and

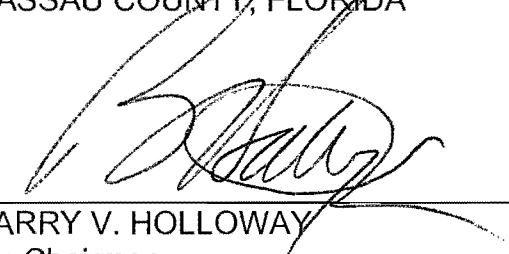
**WHEREAS**, with appropriate technological innovation, incentives and investments, Nassau County's and our Nation's farms, ranches and forests could well become the factories that produce a new generation of fuels to help meet our local and national energy needs; and

WHEREAS, the increased energy production from domestic renewable resources would attract substantial new investments in energy infrastructure, create economic growth, diversify our local economy and develop new job opportunities for our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 15th day of July, 2009 that:

The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida does support an initiative for renewable energy in Nassau County, Florida.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



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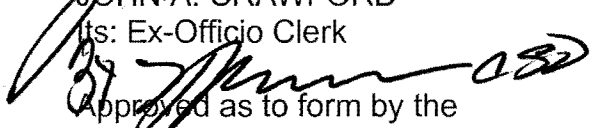
BARRY V. HOLLOWAY  
Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's Signature:



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JOHN A. CRAWFORD  
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk



Approved as to form by the  
Nassau County Attorney:



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DAVID A. HALLMAN