A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ENCOURAGING THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (“PSC”) TO SET MEANINGFUL ENERGY EFFICIENCY GOALS, TO MEET THOSE GOALS THROUGH PROGRAMS TARGETTED TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS WITH A FOCUS ON LOW TO MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE CHAIR AND CLERK OF THE PSC AND FILING IN RELEVANT PSC DOCKETS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature passed the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (“FEECA”) in 1980 to reduce peak electricity demand and energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature amended FEECA in 2008 to include an emphasis on cost-effective energy conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, Florida is understood to be vulnerable to the impacts of climate change including rising sea levels, damaging hurricanes and storms, and extreme temperatures and increasing energy efficiency will both mitigate the drivers of climate change and facilitate adaptation to some effects, such as more frequent days with extreme high temperatures; and

WHEREAS, the City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has shown its commitment to mitigating and adapting to climate change through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, [and its creation of an Office of Sustainability and a citizen Sustainability Advisory Board]; and

WHEREAS, the efforts undertaken by utilities and building owners in Florida to expand renewable energy installations would be even more effective in meeting electricity demand if that demand were first reduced through energy conservation; and

WHEREAS, electricity used by commercial and residential buildings accounts for more than half of the greenhouse gas emissions in the southeast Florida region, and, in the State of Florida, 98.4% of electricity customers are residential and commercial consuming 88.3% of the electrical energy produced; and

WHEREAS, energy conservation and efficiency programs that promote behavioral and operational changes by residents and building owners can significantly reduce energy demand from the built environment; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency measures constitute a low-cost resource that helps residential and commercial building owners use less energy, save money on bills, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while providing additional economic and societal benefits, including potential local job creation and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, by reducing electricity demand, energy conservation reduces the need for the construction of new power plants and the operation of existing fossil fuel plants, lowering not only carbon pollution but also other air pollutants that have a negative effect on public health; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) is statutorily required to establish goals for FEECA utilities and review such goals every five years, at a minimum; and

WHEREAS, in turn, the utilities are required to develop cost-effective demand-side management plans that meet those goals and submit them to the PSC for approval; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 FEECA proceedings thus present a once in every-five-year opportunity to reset and improve the energy conservation goals for the state’s largest utilities; and

WHEREAS, improved conservation goals will generally lead to more robust energy efficiency programs and options directed at residential and commercial customers that reduce energy usage and provide economic and environmental benefits;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

Section 1. The City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ urges the PSC to set meaningful numeric energy conservation goals, comparable to the national average annual energy savings rate for utilities in the United States, during current FEECA proceedings in order to put the City of Boca Raton and the State of Florida on a path to significant economic, environmental, and public health benefits.

Section 2. The City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ urges the PSC to require that most, if not all, of the numeric energy conservation goals be met through programs to assist commercial and residential customers with an emphasis on low- and moderate-income households.

Section 3. The City Council of the City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ directs the City Clerk to provide copies of this Resolution to the Chair and Clerk of the PSC and authorizes filing of this Resolution in the FEECA proceedings before the PSC, relating to the Commission Review of Numeric Conservation Goals.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, clause or provision of this resolution is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 5. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and hereby are repealed.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately after adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

CITY of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

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[ ], Mayor

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[ ], City Clerk

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