

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA IN PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE JOINT APPLICATION UNDER THE FEDERAL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE AND ESTABLISHING A WORKING RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH APPROPRIATE WATER RESOURCE, HOUSING, ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, NONPROFITS, ACADEMIA, AND PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2009, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a new partnership to regionally coordinate federal housing, environmental protection, and transportation planning and investment; and

**WHEREAS**, this new partnership is looking to multidisciplinary regional councils of government to identify and coordinate regional strategies that:

- Provide a regional vision or plan for sustainable growth
  - Integrate housing, water infrastructure, transportation, land use planning and investment
  - Address energy efficiency
  - Address the impacts of climate change through the development of mitigation and adaptation strategies with specific focus on the protection and restoration of coastal shoreline and beaches due to the rise in sea level and the effects of erosion
  - Foster compatibility of sustainable built systems with restoration of the Florida Everglades
  - Promote the creation of equitable, sustainable communities
  - Promote environmental protection and restoration
  - Redevelop underutilized sites
  - Leverage federal investment in existing communities
  - Promote equitable affordable housing
  - Increase economic competitiveness
  - Invest in healthy, safe and walkable neighborhoods – rural, urban or suburban;
- and

**WHEREAS**, there is a clear understanding that the Sustainable Communities Initiative program is designed to establish a comprehensive regional plan or vision identifying critical projects and infrastructure to improve the Region's sustainability and

to be used as a guide by federal funding agencies to prioritize and focus future federal investment; and

**WHEREAS**, any application for funding under the Sustainable Communities Initiative should be prepared in consultation with the appropriate water resource, housing, environmental, and transportation agencies, local governments, nonprofits, academia, and private sector organizations; and should include a formalized agreement among these entities to work cooperatively on the application and funded project; and

**WHEREAS**, the regional planning councils of Southeast Florida should commit the resources necessary within the limits of their budgets and work programs to prepare and submit a successful joint application under the Sustainable Communities Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc. has been made aware that the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils are working together in preparing a comprehensive joint application for the Sustainable Communities Initiative program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., THAT:**

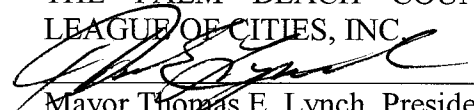
SECTION 1: The Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc. (the "Board") hereby strongly supports the South Florida Regional Planning Council and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council in preparing a comprehensive joint application for the Sustainable Communities Initiative funding; and the establishment of a working partnership agreement with appropriate water resource, housing, environmental and transportation agencies, local governments, nonprofits, academia, and private sector organizations to collaborate on the application and the funded project.

SECTION 2: The Board requests that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the South Florida Regional Planning Council and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and all municipalities in Palm Beach County.

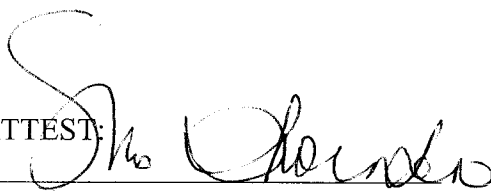
SECTION 3: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2010.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE PALM BEACH COUNTY  
LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.

  
Mayor Thomas E. Lynch, President  
(SEAL)

ATTEST:

  
Mo Thornton, Secretary/Treasurer