

TAYLOR COUNTY RESOLUTION NO.

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 Taylor County and Florida, and although the state ranks third nationally in total energy consumption, it also possesses vast renewable energy resources which currently are not being utilized for potential energy production; and

WHEREAS, the development of a broad spectrum 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, resolving air, water, and soil quality problems that arising from agricultural operations, improving wildlife habitat, and creating new job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, American agriculture and forestry is strategically positioned to play an expanded role in the development and implementation of new energy solutions; and

WHEREAS, with appropriate technological innovation, incentives, and investments, this country's farms, ranches, and forests could well become the factories that produce a new generation of fuels to help meet the nation's energy needs; and

WHEREAS, "25 by '25" is an agriculturally led initiative that envisions American farms, ranches, and forests producing 25 percent of America's energy demand by the year 2025 while continuing to produce abundant, safe, and affordable food, feed, and fiber; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Taylor County, Florida do hereby support the vision of

"25 by '25"

and encourage the sustainable production of renewable energy and fuels from farms, ranches, and forests to help meet future energy needs.

PASSED by the Board on this 6th day of August, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA.

BY: Malcolm V. Page
MALCOLM PAGE, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Annie Mae Murphy
ANNIE MAE MURPHY, Clerk