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**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADOPTING A MISSION STATEMENT AND PROVIDING AND ESTABLISHING A COLLECTIONS POLICY FOR THE POWEL CROSLY MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN ENTREPRENEUR.**

WHEREAS, on July 9, 1991, the Board of County Commissioners approved the purchase of 14 acres of land known then as the Crosley Estate; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 1996, the Board of County Commissioners placed the Powel Crosley Estate under the control of the Manatee Civic Center Authority; and

WHEREAS, under that Authority, the Commissioners authorized the Convention & Visitors Bureau, through the staff of the Manatee Convention & Civic Center, to operate, in the short term, the Powel Crosley Estate as a facility for a growing schedule of private events and a number of public events; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners further authorized the Convention & Visitors Bureau to proceed with the development of the Estate as the Powel Crosley Museum of the American Entrepreneur; and

WHEREAS, response to that Museum concept has been immediately positive, and persons and corporations have begun to offer items for said Museum that may or may not fall within the context of the Museum of the American Entrepreneur; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Statement (Exhibit A) was deemed appropriate to lay down the task of the Museum and set the groundwork on which a collection policy can be based.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that:

1. The Mission Statement is hereby accepted to lay down the task of the Powel Crosley Museum of the American Entrepreneur.
2. As a general rule, any items accepted by the Museum will be for a limited time only, as a loan for use and display as the Museum deems appropriate, or under the written conditions agreed to for "travelling exhibits".
3. If any items are purchased or accepted for ownership by the Museum, full title must be conveyed, including the right to dispose of the item by sale, trade, or whatever at the Museum's discretion and as allowed by Florida Law.
4. It is forbidden to accept any objects if the donor or donors place any conditions on the use or ultimate disposition of those objects.
5. Neither the Museum nor Manatee County Government will offer appraisals as to the value of any donated items. Such appraisals must be delivered by independent experts.

6. Items accepted by the Museum will be registered and catalogued on computer data bases in a form and practice acceptable to the American Museum Association.
7. Liability and risk of loss for loaned items will be addressed in a form of agreement prepared by the County Attorney and subsequently approved by the Civic Center Authority.

ADOPTED, with a quorum present and voting this the 18th day of February, 1997.

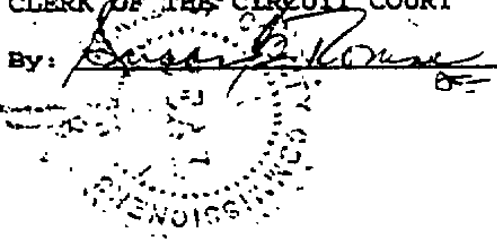
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: *R. B. Shore*

By: *Patricia M. Glass*  
Patricia M. Glass, Chairman



# "Exhibit A"

## POWEL CROSLY MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN ENTREPRENEUR

### MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Powel Crosley Museum of the American Entrepreneur shall be:

1. To display, demonstrate, honor, and reflect upon the efforts and achievements of Powel Crosley, Jr. and other outstanding American Entrepreneurs, past and present.
2. To provide an educational environment in which current and future business leaders might learn and develop the characteristics and skills of those who have demonstrated the spirit of the American Entrepreneur.
3. To create, in the mind of the visitor, a better understanding of the importance of Entrepreneurship, both to the history, and to the future, of the American economy.