

RESOLUTION R-02-49

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 556,
THE "CLEAN POWER ACT OF 2001."**

WHEREAS, the County Commission and citizens of Manatee County, Florida have over the years shown their strong support for regulatory and voluntary measures that would have the effect of protecting or improving air quality; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County's economy and overall quality of life, as well as that of the rest of Florida, are highly dependent upon tourism, recreation and agriculture, and as a result will be significantly affected by any degradation of our air quality; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County is home to one large electric power plant and close to several others in neighboring counties, all of which have the potential to degrade the County's air quality; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill #556 was introduced into Congress last year, and this bill, if passed, would have the effect of sharply lowering pollutant emissions from power plants in Florida as well as the rest of the Nation by January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill #556, if passed, would also require the development of incentives to increase energy efficiency and the development and use of renewable energy sources, and mechanisms to reduce the rate of growth of natural gas consumption, similar to the supply- and demand-side policies currently in place for other non-renewable fuels; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill #556, if passed, would also provide that outdated power plants (those in service for 30 year or more) be required to comply with the most recent New Source Performance Standards of the Clean Air Act on the later of the date that the plant began operation, or the date that is 5 years after the date of Bill enactment; and

WHEREAS, delay in taking the positive actions spelled out in Senate Bill #556, when coupled with the ever-increasing demand for electricity, particularly in high-growth states such as Florida, will be a giant step backward in protecting and improving our Nation's air quality and will expose all citizens to unnecessary health risks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, as follows:

1. Members of the U.S. Congress, particularly those representing the State of Florida, should provide leadership in supporting the passage of Senate Bill #556; and
2. The Bush Administration should be made aware of Manatee County's strong support for measures that would prevent or reduce air pollution and promote energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources.

February, 2002. **PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED**, by a quorum present and voting this, the 19th day of

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA


Chairman

ATTEST: R.B. SHORE
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT



