



# Proclamation

WHEREAS, EarthLinked Technologies, Inc., was founded in Lakeland in 1980 by former Assistant Managing Director of Lakeland Electric, Robert Cochran, PE and former City Attorney, Hal Roberts, as a research and development company in response to the OPEC Oil Embargo of the 1970's; and

WHEREAS, EarthLinked Technologies' original objective was to use the earth as the heat source for water heating and in 1984 produced the most energy efficient water heater ever tested at the Florida Solar Energy Center ultimately earning a joint Governor's Energy Award; and

WHEREAS, EarthLinked Technologies patented systems manufactured in Lakeland have over 100 million hours of service saving energy in space heating and cooling, and water heating in 47 states and 15 countries; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has identified many opportunities that are appropriate for the energy and environmental saving technologies and economic benefits of EarthLinked Technologies; and:

WHEREAS, in 2008, EarthLinked Technologies moved into its new building designed by Lakeland architect, John Curtis, AIA of Swilley Curtis Mundy Hunnicutt Associates Architects and built by Lakeland contractor, Rodda Construction; and

WHEREAS, as leaders in the development of responsible energy management techniques, EarthLinked Technologies desired to construct a green building that was consistent with their energy conservation philosophy; and

WHEREAS, green buildings incorporate principles of energy and resource efficiency, practical applications of waste reduction and pollution prevention, good indoor air quality and natural light to promote occupant health and productivity, and transportation efficiency in design and construction, during use and reuse; and

WHEREAS, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2009, EarthLinked Technologies earned certification by the US Green Building Council as the first LEED designed green building in Polk County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph L. Fletcher, Mayor of the City of Lakeland, do hereby recognize

## EARTHLINKED TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED

for being a leader in demonstrating a commitment to sustainability through its positive impact on our natural environment, economy, health, and overall quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Lakeland to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009.



  
R. L. "Buddy" Fletcher, Mayor  
Lakeland, Florida