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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Jim Murdaugh, President 

**SUBJECT:** Capital Area Sustainability Compact

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### Item Description

Capital Area Sustainability Compact is a collective responsibility of governments, universities, businesses, and citizens from our community with the goal of minimizing their environmental impact and to practice resource stewardship.

### Overview and Background

Capital Area Sustainability Compact, a group of non-profit, public, and private entities in the Capital Area of Florida agree that committing to climate action, fostering resilience, and driving sustainability are of the utmost importance to support the quality of life found in the Capital Area.

### Past Actions by the Board

No past action has been taken.

### Funding/Financial Implications

No funding required.

### Staff Resource

Barbara Wills

### Recommended Action

The Board approves the Capital Area Sustainability Compact.

# **Capital Area Sustainability Compact**

**WHEREAS**, it is a collective responsibility of governments, universities, businesses, and citizens around the world and the United States to minimize their footprint and practice resource stewardship

**WHEREAS**, Florida is one of the most vulnerable states in the nation to the effects of a rapidly changing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations develop action plans to strategize the most impactful initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and ensure community-wide environmental, economic, and social prosperity and vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, significant consideration is given to sustainable strategies designed to protect public infrastructure, property, water resources, transportation, energy, food, and other elements of quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, local universities, organizations, businesses, governments can work together successfully to address challenges facing our community and identify shared solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Capital Area Sustainability Compact, a group of non-profit, public, and private entities in the Capital Area of Florida agree that committing to climate action, fostering resilience, and driving sustainability are of the utmost importance to support the quality of life found in the Capital Area.

## **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ORGANIZATIONS SIGNING BELOW:**

**SECTION 1:** shall work in close collaboration with the other CASC members to develop a joint strategy to minimize the community footprint, reduce community greenhouse gas emissions and drive sustainable action in the Capital Area.

**SECTION 2:** shall designate a representative from their organization to participate in the CASC Steering Committee. This Steering Committee shall meet at least once a quarter to discuss each member's progress, share resources, and explore ways to collaborate. The Steering Committee shall also jointly identify a target area of focus each year, for which each member organization shall contribute meaningful action.

**SECTION 3:** will assess their respective organization's current sustainability efforts and integrate an internal sustainability action plan into or alongside other organizational documents, containing measurable, actionable, achievable steps within two years of signing this Compact.

**SECTION 4:** agree that the development of this Compact is an evolving process subject to periodic amendments and each organization shall provide updates on their respective progress, successes, and challenges.

**SECTION 5:** agree that Sustainable Tallahassee, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting environmental economic, and social sustainability in the Tallahassee regional area, will be the conveners and administrators of this Compact and responsible for all administrative tasks, reports, and research as requested by the Compact.

Capital Regional Medical Center: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Tallahassee: \_\_\_\_\_

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University: \_\_\_\_\_

Florida State University: \_\_\_\_\_

Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce: \_\_\_\_\_

Leon County Government: \_\_\_\_\_

Leon County Schools: \_\_\_\_\_

Tallahassee Community College: \_\_\_\_\_

Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare: \_\_\_\_\_