

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor & City Council Members

FROM: Debbie Renner, City Clerk

DATE: July 28, 2009

SUBJECT: **Resolution No. 555-09 Supporting Legislation to Require All Elected Officials to Operate under the “Sunshine Laws”**

PURPOSE

To adopt Resolution No. 555-09 supporting the adoption of legislation that would require application of Florida’s Government in the Sunshine Laws to elected officials in all branches of Government.

BACKGROUND

This resolution was requested by the Volusia League of Cities and the City of Winter Springs. Its purpose is to urge the adoption of legislation requiring the application of Florida’s “Sunshine” Laws to all elected officials.

Upon adoption, copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Governor’s office, the Florida and Volusia Leagues of Cities, the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate and other parties interested in the Sunshine Laws.

RESOLUTION NO. 555-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE THAT ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS OPERATE UNDER THE SAME SUNSHINE LAWS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law, enacted in 1967, established a right of access to most meetings of Boards, Commissions and other governing bodies of State and Local Government Agencies; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 Governor Crist proclaimed that "the role of Florida's government is to serve the people of Florida and open government gives the people the tools they need to hold their Elected Officials accountable"; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2009, Governor Charlie Crist proclaimed March 15-21 as "Florida Sunshine Week"; and

WHEREAS, not all Elected Officials are governed by the same Florida in the Sunshine Laws; and

WHEREAS, our counties and municipalities live by this law and insure that government business is conducted in the open for all people to see; and

WHEREAS, all Florida government is better served when all Elected Officials live in the Sunshine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE CITY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The City of Orange City and all cities of Florida, and the Florida League of Cities urge the Florida Legislature to pass legislation that requires all State Legislators, Boards, Commissions and other governing bodies of State and Local Governmental Agencies to operate under the same Sunshine Laws.

SECTION 2. That the Sunshine Laws that our counties and municipalities live by should be used for all Elected Officials.

SECTION 3. That a copy of this Resolution be provided to the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, Florida Governor Charlie Crist, the Florida League of

Cities, the Florida League of Women Voters, the First Amendment Foundation, the Florida Association of Counties, and all local and regional Leagues of Cities in Florida.

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

Jim Mahoney	_____	Donald C. Sherrill	_____
R. Paul Rasch	_____	Tom Abraham	_____
Tom Laputka	_____	Jeff H. Allebach, Vice Mayor	_____
Harley Strickland, Mayor	_____		

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2009.

ATTEST:

AUTHENTICATED:

Deborah J. Renner, City Clerk

Harley Strickland, Mayor

This Resolution approved
as to form and legal sufficiency:

William Reischmann, City Attorney