

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	<u>yes</u>	Donald C. Sherrill	<u>yes</u>
R. Paul Rasch	<u>yes</u>	Tom Abraham	<u>no</u>
Tom Laputka	<u>yes</u>	Jeff H. Allebach, Vice Mayor	<u>yes</u>
Harley Strickland, Mayor	<u>yes</u>		

ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF July, 2009.

ATTEST:

Deborah J. Renner
Deborah J. Renner, City Clerk

AUTHENTICATED:

Harley Strickland
Harley Strickland, Mayor

This Resolution approved
as to form and legal sufficiency:

William Reischmann
William Reischmann, City Attorney