

TAB 7

RESOLUTION 09-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE
"BUILDING CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY: BACK TO BASICS" INITIATIVE
OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., AND PLEDGING SUPPORT FOR THIS
STATEWIDE EFFORT.**

WHEREAS, municipal government is the government closest to most citizens, with tremendous daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, city government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to, and understanding of, its many responsibilities, and city government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along their understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Florida's citizenry receives public services from state, county, school district, and other government levels; therefore, educating Florida's citizens of all ages as to the structure and function of all the levels of government and how to be wise consumers of such services is critically important; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities and its member cities have joined together to teach students and all citizens about municipal government through a variety of different projects, resources and information; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will make resources available to cities and their citizens to utilize in furthering their goals for civic education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO:

Section 1. That the City of Palmetto does hereby encourage all citizens, city government officials and employees to utilize the opportunities and resources available through this initiative.

Section 2. That the City of Palmetto does encourage educational partnerships between city government and schools, as well as civic groups and other organizations.

Section 3. That the City of Palmetto does support and encourage all city governments to actively promote the "Building Citizenship in the Community: Back to Basics" initiative.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, in regular session, by the City Commission of the City of Palmetto, with a quorum present and voting, this 26th day of January, 2009.

**CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA, BY AND
THROUGH THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF PALMETTO.**

By: _____
SHIRLEY GROOVER BRYANT MAYOR

ATTEST: JAMES R. FREEMAN

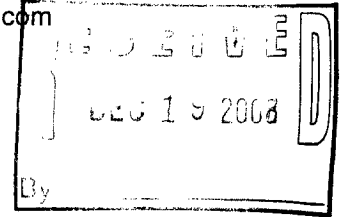
By: _____
City Clerk



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Dear Municipal Official:

I am humbled to serve as your President this year. The Florida League of Cities is very near and dear to my heart. The League's motto is "Local Self-Government: Keystone of American Democracy", and I believe city government is the closest government to the people of Florida, and I believe in Home Rule. I want to stand side-by-side with you to protect the Home Rule power of Florida's cities.

We are facing extremely tough economic times and I believe that the education of our citizens, and future citizens (students), is of the utmost importance - now more than ever before. Educating our citizens on the fundamentals of city services and what it takes to effectively run a city is going to be essential as we continue to be forced to "tighten our municipal belts", do more with less, and still maintain the level of service demanded by our citizenry.

Through my presidential priority, "Building Citizenship in the Community: Back to Basics", the League has designed and launched a campaign to increase civic awareness and participation. We will provide education for our constituents to increase their awareness of municipal issues, and help them become smarter municipal service consumers.

I encourage each municipality to stand with me in support of this initiative. I have attached a resolution for your council's or commission's consideration. There are 411 active municipalities in the Sunshine State - it would be wonderful to have 100% participation! *I appreciate your consideration of this request.*

Further, I would appreciate hearing about what you are doing in your municipality. I'd like to hear about your successes in citizen education and about things that didn't work as well. How can we strengthen the relationship between elected officials and the average citizen in Florida's cities, towns and villages? *I hope you will share your stories with us, by contacting Casey Cook at ccook@flcities.com or 850-701-3609.*

I appreciate your continued dedication to the Florida League of Cities. Together, we can make a difference...we already have...we will continue to do so!

Sincerely,

Carmine Priore
President, Florida League of Cities
Vice Mayor, Wellington

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