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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
NO. LTC # 264-2009

## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: October 2, 2009

SUBJECT: **Transmittal of Florida League of Cities' Resolution(s) adopted on August 15, 2009.**

Michael Sittig, Executive Director of The Florida League of Cities has transmitted to the City the attached Resolution(s) which were adopted at its 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, on August 15, 2009. I am forwarding to you for your information.

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Attachments

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**Memorandum**

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**TO:** Key Officials  
**FROM:** Michael Sittig, Executive Director  
**RE:** Transmittal of Florida League of Cities' Resolution(s)  
**DATE:** September 22, 2009

The membership of the Florida League of Cities adopted several federal, constitutional and commemorative resolutions at its 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference at the Orlando World Center Marriott on August 15, 2009. On behalf of the League, I am transmitting the following resolution(s):

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR AND A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE 2010 CENSUS.

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. OPPOSING AMENDMENT 4 ON THE 2010 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, WHICH PROPOSES AN AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION REQUIRING THAT EVERY AMENDMENT TO A CITY'S OR COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BE SUBJECT TO A VOTE OF THE RESPECTIVE CITY'S OR COUNTY'S ELECTORATE.

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. SUPPORTING PROPOSALS TO AMEND FLORIDA'S CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE NEW STANDARDS THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED WHEN REDRAWING THE BOUNDARIES OF OUR CONGRESSIONAL, STATE HOUSE AND STATE SENATE DISTRICTS.

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SEPTEMBER 22, 2009.

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SUPPORTING THE HOMEOWNERS' DEFENSE ACT OF 2009,  
WHICH ADDRESSES THE GROWING CRISIS IN THE  
AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF HOMEOWNERS'  
INSURANCE.

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.  
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SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN ON ACTIVE DUTY OUTSIDE THE  
UNITED STATES.

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. IN  
SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE AND  
RECOGNIZING EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND  
RESERVE.

Should you have any questions, please contact Allison Payne or me at the League  
office (850) 222-9684.

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

WHEREAS, municipal government is the government closest to most citizens and has a 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 that city officials and staff share the responsibility to pass along their understanding of public services and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Florida's citizenry receives public services from the state, county, school district and other governments, educating Floridians 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, under the leadership of League President Carmine Priore, the Florida League of Cities, Inc. and its member cities have joined together to teach students and all citizens about municipal government through a variety of projects, resources and information; and

WHEREAS, this initiative makes resources available to cities and their citizens to utilize in furthering their goals for civic education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

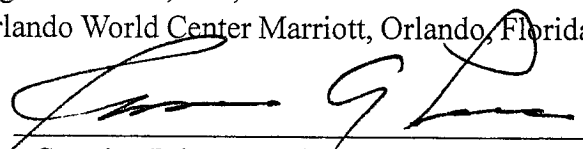
Section 1. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc. does hereby encourage all citizens, city officials and staff to utilize the opportunities and resources available through this initiative.

Section 2. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc. does encourage educational partnerships between city government and schools, as well as civic groups and other organizations.

Section 3. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc. does support and encourage all city governments to actively participant in the "Building Citizenship in the Community: Back to Basics" initiative.

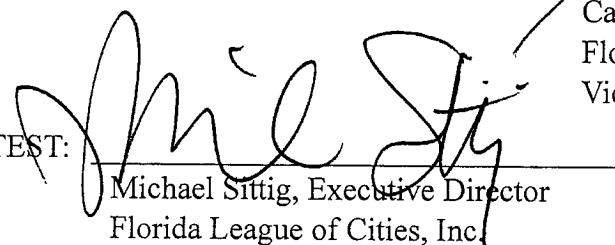
Section 4. That a copy of this resolution be provided to the membership of the Florida League of Cities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League's 83rd Annual Conference, at the Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida, this 15th Day of August 2009.



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

ATTEST:



Michael Sittig, Executive Director  
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.  
AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR AND A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE 2010  
CENSUS.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a count of the population, and provides a crucial opportunity to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Florida League of Cities are committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS, more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based on 2010 Census data, including health care, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment and much more; and

WHEREAS, census data collected in 2010 will determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city commissions, and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Census creates hundreds of thousands of jobs across the nation; and

WHEREAS, every Census Bureau worker takes a lifetime oath to protect confidentiality and ensure that data identifying respondents or their household not be released or shared for 72 years; and

WHEREAS, a united voice from businesses, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will allow the 2010 Census message to reach a broader audience, providing trusted advocates who can spark positive conversations about the 2010 Census.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc. unanimously supports the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census.

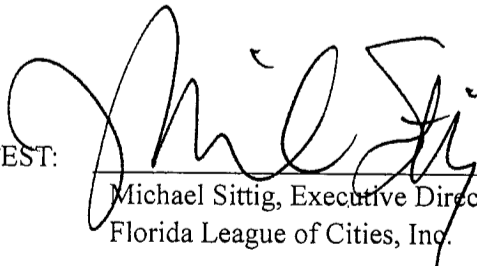
Section 2. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc. will encourage cities to disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage participation, and ask all of their citizens to partner together to achieve an accurate and complete count.

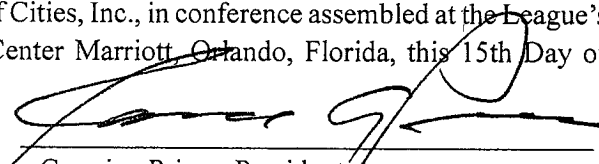
Section 3. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc. will encourage citizens to participate in events and initiatives that will raise awareness of the 2010 Census and increase participation among all populations.

Section 4. That a copy of this resolution be provided to the 2010 Census Committee, the Southeast office of the U.S. Census and the membership of the Florida League of Cities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League's 83rd Annual Conference, at the Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida, this 15th Day of August 2009.

ATTEST:

  
Michael Sittig, Executive Director  
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

  
Carmine Priore, President  
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Vice Mayor, Wellington

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. OPPOSING AMENDMENT 4 ON THE 2010 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, WHICH PROPOSES AN AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION REQUIRING THAT EVERY AMENDMENT TO A CITY'S OR COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BE SUBJECT TO A VOTE OF THE RESPECTIVE CITY'S OR COUNTY'S ELECTORATE.

WHEREAS, a proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by Florida Hometown Democracy, Inc. will be placed on the 2010 general election ballot as "Amendment 4"; and

WHEREAS, this proposed constitutional change would subject every amendment to a local government comprehensive plan to a vote of the local government's electors; and

WHEREAS, planning and growth management decisions in Florida's municipalities are presently made through a representative form of democracy in which elected governing bodies are entrusted to make policy decisions on behalf of their constituents; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, the Florida Legislature enacted Chapter 163, Part II, Florida Statutes, the "Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act," mandating that each municipality adopt a comprehensive plan to manage and guide the use and development of property within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Act is to empower local governments, including municipalities, to preserve, promote, protect and improve the public health, safety, comfort, good order, appearance, convenience, law enforcement, fire prevention and general welfare; to prevent the overcrowding of land and avoid undue concentration of population; to facilitate the adequate and efficient provision of transportation, water supply, sewer treatment, schools, parks, recreational facilities, housing and other services; and to conserve, develop and protect natural resources within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires extraordinary public notice, review, comment and hearings before a comprehensive plan may be adopted or amended by a municipality; and

WHEREAS, municipal comprehensive plans are adopted and amended by a municipal governing body only after significant review and input from the public, professional planners and municipal staff; and

WHEREAS, the elected body's decision to amend, or the manner in which to amend, a comprehensive plan is based upon legal requirements as well as policy issues that require a balancing of the needs and desires of the overall community; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities, Inc. finds that the Hometown Democracy amendment will trample minority interests and ignore the community's long-term planning needs and goals, including affordable housing measures, urban infill measures, redevelopment initiatives and the development of essential infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities, Inc. finds that the Hometown Democracy amendment will subject important planning and policy decisions to potentially misleading and inflammatory media campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities, Inc. finds that the Hometown Democracy amendment will require the unnecessary expenditure of additional municipal revenues to fund numerous elections on comprehensive plan referenda; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities, Inc. finds that the Hometown Democracy amendment will require the unnecessary expenditure of additional municipal revenue to fund the defense of lawsuits filed by persons aggrieved by the outcome of comprehensive plan amendment elections; and

WHEREAS, these unnecessary costs will be borne by the citizens of Florida's cities and counties either through increased taxes or decreased municipal services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

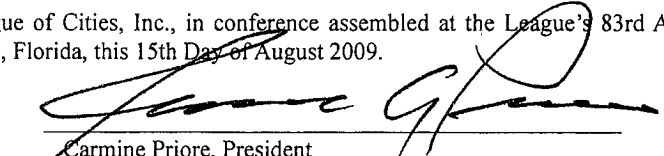
Section 1. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc. urges Floridians to carefully consider the potential adverse consequences of Amendment 4 before voting in the 2010 general election.

Section 2. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc. urges Florida's municipal residents to exercise their existing rights to influence the quality of life in their city by participating in the development and amendment of its comprehensive plan.

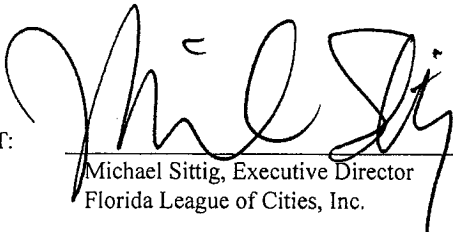
Section 3. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc. urges Florida's residents to regularly attend public hearings, workshops and meetings and otherwise take an active role in shaping local policies that affect growth within their communities.

Section 4. That a copy of this resolution be provided to the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc. and other interested parties.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League's 83rd Annual Conference, at the Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida, this 15th Day of August 2009.

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

ATTEST:

  
Michael Sittig, Executive Director  
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. SUPPORTING PROPOSALS TO AMEND FLORIDA'S CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE NEW STANDARDS THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED WHEN REDRAWING THE BOUNDARIES OF OUR CONGRESSIONAL, STATE HOUSE AND STATE SENATE DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, under current law, the state Legislature redraws the boundaries of our congressional, state House and state Senate districts every 10 years following the census; and

WHEREAS, current law requires the districts to be roughly equal in population and contiguous, but does not require the districts to respect or utilize the geographical boundaries of Florida's municipalities; and

WHEREAS, as a result, scores of Florida's municipalities are split into multiple districts, making it unnecessary for legislators to be responsive to Florida's municipalities and to respect the interests of Florida's municipalities; and

WHEREAS, a group called FairDistrictsFlorida has proposed amendments to Florida's Constitution to provide new standards the state Legislature must follow when redrawing the boundaries of our congressional, state House and state Senate districts; and

WHEREAS, the current standards in large part require the redrawn districts to be compact and respect and utilize the geographical boundaries of Florida's municipalities while assuring racial and language minority voters have an equal opportunity to participate in the political process; and

WHEREAS, the proposals will provide an incentive for future legislators to be responsive to Florida's municipalities and to respect the interests of Florida's municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

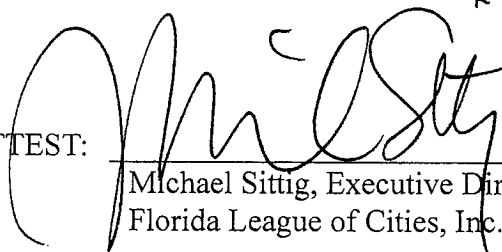
Section 1. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc. hereby endorses and otherwise supports the initiatives of FairDistrictsFlorida to amend the Florida Constitution to provide standards the state Legislature must follow when it redraws our congressional, state House and state Senate districts.

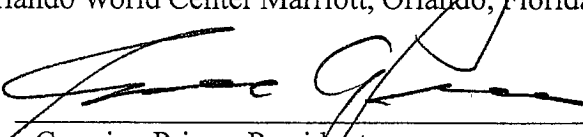
Section 2. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc. encourages Florida's citizens to support the two petitions that are currently getting signatures in an effort to get the proposals placed on the 2010 general election ballot.

Section 3. That a copy of this resolution be provided to the membership of the Florida League of Cities, FairDistrictsFlorida and other interested parties.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League's 83rd Annual Conference, at the Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida, this 15th Day of August 2009.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.  
RECOGNIZING FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY ON  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009.

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 3.3 million Florida residents are age 65 and older; and

WHEREAS, the single greatest desire for many elder Floridians is to have the opportunity to "age in place" in the independence, safety, security, comfort and privacy of their own homes; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 125,000 hospital-treated injuries from falls occur annually among Floridians 65 and older, with medical charges exceeding \$1.8 billion; and

WHEREAS, falls are the leading cause of injury-related deaths, hospitalizations, emergency department visits and extended health care facility accident-related admissions among Floridians 65 and older; and

WHEREAS, among Floridians 65 and older, falls account for more than 70 percent of all fractures treated and released from emergency departments; and

WHEREAS, falling and fear of falling can lead to depression, loss of mobility and loss of functional independence; and

WHEREAS, injuries from falls are a preventable community health problem; and

WHEREAS, falls prevention education is a key first step to increasing public awareness regarding elder falls prevention and home safety; and

WHEREAS, cost-effective home modification and community strategies are available to improve safety and lessen the likelihood of falls and the debilitating injuries that can result; and

WHEREAS, implementing elder falls prevention strategies is an effective tool for reducing the stresses associated with providing caregiver services; and

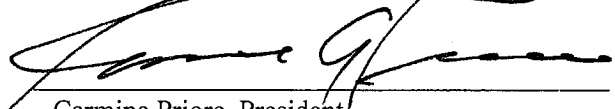
WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Elder Affairs' Communities for a Lifetime initiative, the Florida Department of Health Office of Injury Prevention and the Florida Area Agencies on Aging, in partnership with Florida communities and residents, are working to increase awareness of this issue and encourage Florida residents to take steps to protect those who are at risk of falling.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

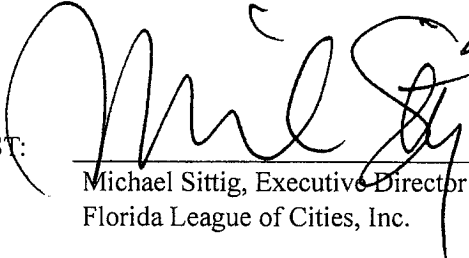
Section 1. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc. joins the Florida Departments of Elder Affairs and Health in recognizing Falls Prevention Awareness Day on September 22, 2009.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be provided to the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Florida Governor Charlie Crist, and the Secretaries of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the Florida Department of Health.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League's 83rd Annual Conference, at the Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida, this 15th Day of August 2009.



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



ATTEST: Michael Sittig, Executive Director  
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A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. SUPPORTING THE HOMEOWNERS' DEFENSE ACT OF 2009, WHICH ADDRESSES THE GROWING CRISIS IN THE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE.

WHEREAS, Florida has a history of catastrophic disasters, including hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, etc.; and

WHEREAS, although catastrophic disasters occur infrequently, they will continue to occur and are predictable; and

WHEREAS, such disasters generate large economic losses and a major component of those losses comes from damage to and destruction of homes; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the numerous disasters that have hit Florida over the years, homeowners' insurance premiums have escalated and the insurance coverage has been curtailed; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation has been filed entitled the Homeowners' Defense Act of 2009, H.R. 2555, by Congressman Ron Klein (D-FL-22) and S. 505 by Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL), which proposes to address the growing crisis in the availability and affordability of homeowners' insurance in Florida and around the country; and

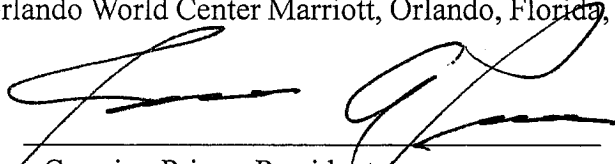
WHEREAS, the legislation would create a national catastrophe risk consortium to help homeowners prepare for and recover from the damages caused by natural hazards, stabilize the catastrophe insurance market, and avoid widespread insurer insolvencies after a mega-catastrophe by encouraging the creation of public catastrophic funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

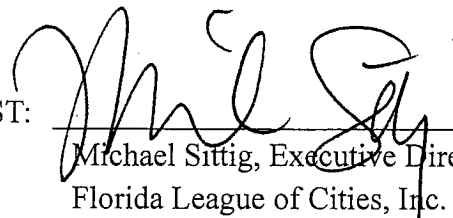
Section 1. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc. urges members of the Florida congressional delegation to support H.R. 2555 and S. 505.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be provided to members of the Florida congressional delegation, the National League of Cities and the membership of the Florida League of Cities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League's 83rd Annual Conference, at the Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida, this 15th Day of August 2009.

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

ATTEST:

  
Michael Sittig, Executive Director  
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. SUPPORTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION ON HOMESTEAD PROPERTY FOR U.S. SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN ON ACTIVE DUTY OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, a proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by the Florida Legislature will be placed on the 2010 general election ballot as "Amendment 2"; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 2 proposes a change to the Florida Constitution to provide an additional ad valorem tax exemption for deployed military personnel serving in a foreign country; and

WHEREAS, the proposed tax exemption would be prorated based on the number of days deployed on a military operation outside of the United States, in the previous year; and

WHEREAS, Florida cities recognize the sacrifices of our troops while serving in a combat zone and the fiscal challenges they face being away from home for a significant period of time; and

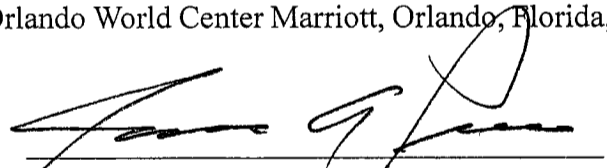
WHEREAS, this shortfall in revenues affecting city budgets will be a small price to pay for the sacrifices made by courageous members of the armed forces serving on our behalf, and should be supported by the taxpaying citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc. supports Amendment 2.

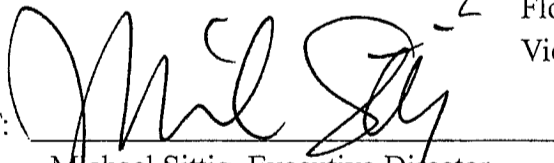
Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be provided to the membership of the Florida League of Cities.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.  
IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE AND  
RECOGNIZING EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND  
RESERVE.

WHEREAS, the United States' National Guard and Reserve forces continue to serve our country with distinction; and

WHEREAS, National Guard and Reserve units comprise nearly one-half of our nation's military forces and, as such, are essential to national security; and

WHEREAS, the current defense environment requires our citizen-warriors to train vigorously and deploy frequently to meet the nation's call; and

WHEREAS, national guardsmen and reservists have responded to natural disasters and humanitarian emergencies all over the world, ranging from hurricanes and floods to devastating wildfires; and

WHEREAS, our nation is blessed and grateful for the volunteer service of these brave men and women who continue to answer the call to serve our communities and our country; and

WHEREAS, by supporting our national guardsmen and reservists, municipalities across Florida are also helping to advance freedom and democracy around the world; and

WHEREAS, continuous support ensures a degree of comfort for members of the National Guard and Reserve so they can focus on their military duties and not worry about their civilian jobs back home; and

WHEREAS, at the same time, Florida's cities benefit from the professionalism, experience and leadership skills these citizen-warriors bring home; and

WHEREAS, support of our National Guard and Reserve at home and abroad helps ensure our troops are mission-ready, while also providing a source of pride and assurance for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the nation is grateful to Florida's municipalities for supporting National Guard and Reserve members and their families.

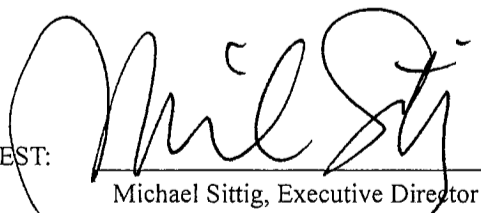
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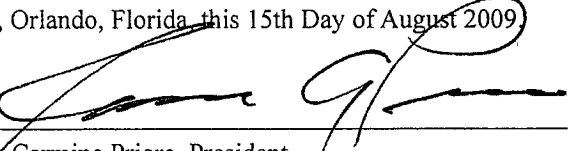
Section 1. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc. joins with the Florida Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) to support service in the National Guard and Reserve by signing an ESGR Statement of Support.

Section 2. That the Florida League of Cities encourages all cities to join in expressing heartfelt thanks to the members of our National Guard and Reserve for their extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of our nation by signing an ESGR Statement of Support.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League's 83rd Annual Conference, at the Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida, this 15th Day of August 2009.

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