A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Belle Isle, Florida, urging the Florida State Legislature to enact legislation to provide a public records exemption for municipal clerks and employees who perform municipal elections work or have any part in code enforcement functions of a city and providing for an effective date.

Whereas, many municipal staff who perform duties that include, or

result in, investigations into complaints regarding election fraud, legal enforcement of hearings that could lead to a criminal prosecution, or code enforcement actions are exposed to threats and other acts of violence; and

Whereas, municipal clerks often administer elections, and some election workers have been targeted for threats and violence due to the nature of materials they are responsible for

Whereas, municipal clerks are often involved in legal enforcement proceedings in actions related to violations of codes and ordinances and, occasionally, these proceedings have led to retaliation and threats by defendants and

Whereas, currently public records exemptions in Florida include those for local personnel who either investigate, enforce, or otherwise provide a service that can result in contentious interactions when action is taken, and municipal clerks and their staffs fall within the need for a window for greater protection; and

Whereas, the Florida Association of City Clerks is very concerned for the safety and well-being of the municipal clerks and their staffs who serve

1	the public daily and are, oftentimes, the first contact of citizens with
2	cities; and
3	Whereas, the City of Belle Isle has complied with all requirements and
4	procedures of Florida law in processing and adopting this Resolution.
5	Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Belle
6	Isle, Florida, as follows:
7	1. The City Council of the City of Belle Isle hereby adopts the recitals set
8	forth in this Resolution (whereas clauses) as the legislative findings of
9	the City of Belle Isle.
10	2. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Belle Isle, Florida, hereby
11	urges and encourages the Florida State Legislature to enact legislation to
12	provide a public records exemption for municipal clerks and employees who
13	perform municipal elections work or have any part in code enforcement
14	functions of a municipality.
15	3. The City Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to send a certified copy
16	of this Resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis, Senator Geraldine F.
17	Thompson, and Representative Anna V. Eskamani, the Florida League of
18	Cities Local Chapter, and the Florida League of Cities (FLC).
19	4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.
20	Passed and Adopted this of February 2025.
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22	Attest City of Belle Isle
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24	By:
25	Yolanda Ouiceno, City Clerk Nicholas Fouraker Mayor

1	Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.
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3	City Attorney
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5	STATE OF FLORIDA
6	COUNTY OF ORANGE
7	I, Yolanda Quiceno, City Clerk of the City of Belle Isle, do hereby certify
8	that the above and foregoing document RESOLUTION 25-03 was duly and legally
9	passed by the Belle Isle City Council, in session assembled on the day
10	of 2025, at which session a quorum of its members was present
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13	Yolanda Quiceno, CMC-City Clerk
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