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**RESOLUTION NO 2025 – 026**  
**CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA URGING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION FOR MUNICIPAL CLERKS, EMPLOYEES PERFORMING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WORK, AND/OR EMPLOYEES HAVING ANY PART IN CODE-ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS OF A CITY; MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT IN SUPPORT THEREOF; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING 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; and

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 the public on a daily basis and are, oftentimes, the first contact of citizens with cities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake City, Florida has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing and adopting this Resolution; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida:

1. The City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida hereby adopts the recitals set forth in this Resolution as the legislative findings of the City Council of the City of Lake City; and
2. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, hereby urges and encourages the Legislature of the State of Florida to enact legislation providing a public records exemption for

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municipal clerks, employees who perform municipal elections work, and/or employees having any part in code enforcement functions of a municipality; and

3. The City Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis, Senator Jennifer Bradley and Representative Charles "Chuck" Brannon, the Florida Association of City Clerks, the Northeast Florida League of Cities, the Suwannee River League of Cities, and the Florida League of Cities; and
4. All prior resolutions of the City Council of the City of Lake City in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict; and
5. This resolution shall become effective and enforceable upon final passage by the City Council of the City of Lake City.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, at a meeting of the City Council, this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2025.

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY,  
FLORIDA

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Noah E. Walker, Mayor

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA:

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Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Clay Martin, City Attorney