

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-013

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING THE MAY 21, 2009, REPORT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT GRAND JURY ON THE INVESTIGATION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC CORRUPTION ISSUES; AGREEING WITH THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT; URGING SPECIFICALLY FOR THE CREATION BY THE PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSION OF A COUNTY-WIDE CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CODE OF ETHICS ORDINANCE AND AN INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OR CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER WITH THE ABILITY TO OBTAIN RECORDS FROM ALL PALM BEACH COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES FUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITH COUNTY TAX DOLLARS AND OF A FUNDING MECHANISM FOR SUCH OFFICE; DIRECTING THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE PROVIDED TO THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, several elected officials in Palm Beach County have been convicted of public corruption charges in recent years;

WHEREAS, during its Spring, 2009, Term, the Palm Beach County Grand Jury investigated Palm Beach County Governance and Public Corruption Issues, including bond underwriting practices, use of county discretionary funds, county internal and external auditing practices, land transactions and existing applicable laws; and,

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2009, the Grand Jury issued its report and recommendations on each of the topics within its investigation; and,

WHEREAS, a common thread among the recommendations on the various subjects was the establishment of independent oversight boards and officials to monitor County governance as well as the establishment of an ethics commission that could review conduct of local government officials throughout the County; and,

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WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves acknowledges receipt of the Grand Jury Report and endorses the findings and recommendations set forth therein; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves finds it in the best interest of the public, residents and citizens of both the Town and Palm Beach County for the Palm Beach County Commission to implement the recommendations of the Grand Jury, including the establishment of a County Ethics Commission and an independent Inspector General or Performance and Compliance Officer that can operate without undue influence or pressure from the County Commission or other County officers; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council requests that other local governments in Palm Beach County acknowledge and support the Grand Jury Report and recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. Each "WHEREAS" clause set forth above is true and correct and herein incorporated by this reference.

Section 2. The Town Council hereby acknowledges and accepts the May 21, 2009, Report of the Palm Beach County Grand Jury relating to its Investigation of Palm Beach County Governance and Public Corruption Issues, including the findings and recommendations set forth therein.

Section 3. The Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves urges specifically for the creation by the Palm Beach County Commission of a county-wide conflict of interest and code of ethics ordinance and an independent office of Inspector General or Chief Compliance

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Officer with the ability to obtain records from all Palm Beach County governmental entities funded in whole or in part with county tax dollars and of a funding mechanism for such office.

Section 4. The Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves directs that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the Chair of the Board of Palm Beach County Commissioners, and the Palm Beach County League of Cities.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, THIS 7TH DAY OF JULY, 2009.

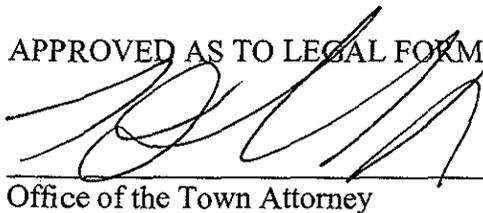
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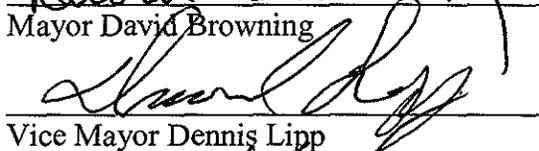

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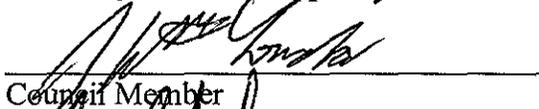
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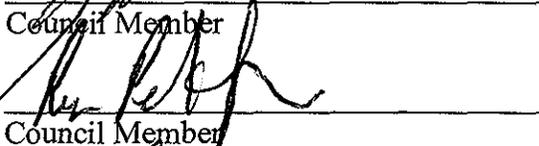

Mayor David Browning

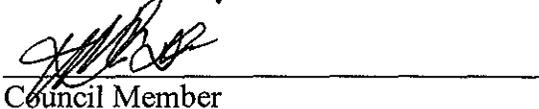
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Vice Mayor Dennis Lipp


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