

RESOLUTION NO. _____

PASSED _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA,
ADOPTING THE CITY OF _____, MISSISSIPPI, AS A
SISTER CITY UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISASTER
RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; MAKING FINDINGS;
AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO
IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN
IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of _____, Mississippi has experienced a disaster that has destroyed a significant portion of the City and has inordinately impacted the local resources of that City in terms of finances and personnel; and

WHEREAS, without the assistance of federal, state and local governments, the City of _____, Mississippi will be unable to provide essential services and protect the public health, welfare and safety of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville, Florida desires to adopt the City of _____, Mississippi as a Sister City under the Local Government Disaster Relief Assistance Program, thereby making available surplus properties, equipment, and materials to aid the City of _____, Mississippi in its rebuilding efforts; and

WHEREAS, limited volunteer personnel of the City of Gainesville may be assigned to coordinate and assist the City of _____, Mississippi in order to implement the Local Government Disaster Relief Assistance Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, RESOLVES, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Commission finds that the City of _____, Mississippi has experienced a disaster that has inordinately impacted the local resources of that City.
2. The City Commission finds that it is in the public interest to assist the City of _____, Mississippi so that it may recover from the effects of the disaster.
3. The Commission adopts the City of _____, Mississippi, as its Sister City under the Local Government Disaster Relief Assistance Program.

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2 4. The Charter Officers of the City are authorized to implement the program within the
3 adopted budget of the City of Gainesville, Florida, and to execute the appropriate
4 agreements, as necessary.
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6 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.
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8 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2005
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12 Charles S. Chestnut, IV – Mayor Pro-Tem
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17 **ATTEST:**

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21 **APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

22 _____
23 Kurt Lannon,
Clerk of the Commission

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Marion J. Radson, City Attorney

Local Government Disaster Relief Assistance Program

Adopting a Sister City

Mission Statement

To adopt a Sister City in order to offer aid and assistance through surplus goods, supplies and materials, and offer personnel, as available, to rebuild the Sister Cities' systems and support services.

Goals

- ❖ Identify, contact, and adopt a Sister City to offer assistance in rebuilding efforts to bring their city departments to an operational level.
- ❖ Make available surplus properties, equipment, materials and human resources to aid our Sister City.
- ❖ Facilitate city employees' contributions towards the needs of Sister City employees, their families, and the citizenry.

Process

- ❖ Identify Sister City with assistance of Florida League of Cities.
- ❖ Match city with comparable city based upon population size, level of services, and ability to assist.
- ❖ Develop an interlocal agreement.
- ❖ Establish teams within the city that will coordinate the relief efforts.

Steps

- ❖ Work with Florida League of Cities to identify Sister City.
- ❖ City Commission adopts a Resolution formalizing the relationship with the Sister City.
- ❖ Establish Response Teams that will meet with the Sister City staff.

- ❖ Make inquiry of specific needs of the Sister City.
- ❖ Assess and evaluate ability of the responding City to meet the needs of Sister City.
- ❖ Prioritize and coordinate response via Team Captains from each responding City.
- ❖ Arrange for provision of surplus goods, supplies, equipment, materials, and human resources to the extent available.
- ❖ Facilitate volunteer efforts in meeting the needs of the Sister City, its employees, their families, and the citizenry.
- ❖ Provide status reports on progress.

Conclusion

This program is a commitment of resources and manpower by the City of Gainesville, for a sufficient length of time to enable its Sister City to meet its own needs.



Florida League of Cities, Inc.

TO: Florida's Mayors and Key Officials
FROM: Michael Sittig, Executive Director
DATE: September 7, 2005
SUBJECT: **HURRICANE VICTIMS**

President Julio Robaina asked that I update you on the proposed FLC plan to help the recent Hurricane victims.

We have been working with Governor Bush's representative, Liza McFadden, to develop a coordinated operation that will allow the cities in Florida to help in the most meaningful way. We are offering our unique assistance to our fellow cities and their citizens.

Since President Bush has asked Governor Bush to help with the recovery efforts in the State of Mississippi, Governor Bush would like the Florida League of Cities to work with the Mississippi League of Cities in an "Adopt-a-City"-type program. Cities in Florida would "adopt" cities in Mississippi. We would work out details to help match your (our) resources with their needs. A city in Mississippi could be adopted by more than one city in Florida and there would be some way to coordinate and prioritize offered resources.

Liza McFadden is in Mississippi today and Governor Bush will follow on Friday. They will provide more details next week. In the meantime, think about what, if anything, your city might be willing to offer (public safety personnel, building inspectors, equipment, supplies, etc.). You can offer to provide shelter for the victims; however, the "experts" are very concerned about bringing refugees to Florida before hurricane season ends.

We will be in touch with you as soon as we have more information, probably next week. FLC staff member, Sharon Berrian (sberrian@flcities.com), will coordinate for us. If you have any questions, call Sharon or me at 850-222-9684.

Thanks to all of you that have called to offer ideas and assistance!

HURRICANE HELP

HELP REBUILD CITIES AND TOWNS ACROSS THE GULF COAST THAT WERE DEVASTATED BY HURRICANE KATRINA

A CALL FOR ACTION TO FLORIDA CITIES

During the last few weeks, television accounts of the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina haven shown the lives lost, residents displaced and the massive destruction that has taken place across Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to the citizens and leaders of these communities

Florida cities have seen firsthand the effects of hurricanes on residents, infrastructure, services and revenue. They know the importance of a helping hand. The damage to the Gulf Coast will take weeks, months and in some cases years to repair. Many of these communities are without power, water, sewer, gas, roads, and other basic services provided by local government. These cities need our help.

The Florida League of Cities is working with the National League of Cities and the affected state municipal leagues to develop a partnership program designed specifically to help cities that need assistance. If you are able to assist in this effort, complete and return the information below. A form is also available online at www.flcities.com under "News & Hot Links" or by calling the league office at (850) 222-9684

YES! WE ARE ABLE TO HELP!

Name of City or Organization: City of Gainesville

Contact Name: Russ Blackburn Title: City Manager

Phone Number: (352) 334-5010 Cell Phone: (352) 316-1839

Fax Number: (352) 334-3119 E-mail: blackburnrd@cityofgainesville.org

Address: P.O. Box 490, Station 6

City: Gainesville State: FL Zip: 32602-0490

Please list any specific types of assistance you are prepared to provide (use additional pages, if necessary):

Surplus properties, equipment, materials, and human resources to contribute towards the needs of the sister city employees, their families, and the citizenry.

(NOTE: If your city has already adopted a city in Mississippi, Alabama or Louisiana, please tell us about your efforts in the area provided below. However, be sure to complete the contact information above so that we know how to reach you and can also include it in our resource inventory.)

OUR CITY HAS ALREADY PARTNERED WITH A CITY IN THE AFFECTED AREA. THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE DONE/WILL DO (use additional pages, if necessary):

Please return this form to the following:

Florida League of Cities by email: sberrian@flcities.com or egray@flcities.com
By fax: 850-222-3806

For additional information contact Sharon Berrian at the League, (850) 222-9684.

