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**RESOLUTION NO.**

**PASSED**

**A continuing resolution of the City of Gainesville, Florida, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to represent the City in any future county court claims, which includes small claims, in which the City is named as a Defendant and to authorize prosecution of county court claims, including small claims; and providing an effective date.**

**WHEREAS**, from time to time the City of Gainesville is named as a defendant in a county court claim; and

**WHEREAS**, the jurisdiction of the County Court encompasses monetary claims that do not exceed \$15,000; and

**WHEREAS**, time to respond to these complaints is short and Section 3.03 of the Gainesville City Charter authorizes the City Attorney to represent the City in such cases unless otherwise directed by the City Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, from time to time the City Attorney's Office is requested to prosecute county court claims on behalf of various departments within the City of Gainesville; and

**WHEREAS**, the cases are generally routine in nature and necessarily below the settlement authority of the City Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.03 of the Gainesville City Charter authorizes the City Attorney to prosecute such cases on behalf of the City unless otherwise directed by the City Commission; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** The City Commission authorizes the City Attorney's office to represent the City in any future county court claims, which includes small claims, in which the City is named as a defendant.

1           **Section 2.**    The City Commission authorizes the City Attorney's office to  
2 prosecute county court claims, including small claims, in which the City is named as a  
3 plaintiff.

4           **Section 3.**    This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

5           **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 19, 2009.

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PEGEEN HANRAHAN  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Approved as to form and legality

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KURT M. LANNON  
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

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MARION J. RADSON  
CITY ATTORNEY