

## SAMPLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

During the week of October 19-25, 2008, (CITY NAME) will join other cities across Florida in celebrating Florida City Government Week. This week has been set aside to recognize the many services city governments provide and their contribution to a better quality of life in Florida. Our theme, *"My City: I'm Part of It, I'm Proud of It!"* pays tribute to the role citizens play in making our cities great.

City government is truly government of, by and for the people - the people who are making the decisions about our community are your neighbors, business owners and community leaders. City government is administered for and by its citizens and is dependent upon public commitment to carry out its responsibilities.

Furthermore, students across the state learn information about state and national government, while information on city government is barely highlighted. Every citizen deserves the right to know about the local impact of government decision-making. This is a unique opportunity to teach students and adults about the form of government that affects them daily.

During this week, we want to recognize the role city government plays in our lives from public safety to trash collection to promoting our community's culture and recreation. We hope you will join us in this celebration and learn more about your city and how it operates for you.

Sincerely,

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If you are sponsoring Florida City Government Week Activities, you will want to include information on those events and include an invitation to the public to attend those events.