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Cities Promote, Celebrate Local Government During Florida City Government Week

Cities celebrate, showcase and engage residents in the work of municipal government

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The **Florida League of Cities**, the united voice for Florida's municipal governments, today announced that this week, cities throughout the state will participate in **Florida City Government Week** to help educate the public on what local government does and how it directly impacts them. The weeklong campaign is sponsored by the League and is part of its ongoing effort to promote and foster civic education and engagement.

"Local government is the government closest to the people, yet so many residents are unaware of everything that cities do and provide for them each day," said **FLC President Tony Ortiz, commissioner** for the **City of Orlando**. "Florida City Government Week focuses on this by engaging and educating residents regarding the work of local government. All this week, cities, towns and villages throughout the state will showcase and celebrate the many wonderful things they do."

Florida City Government Week's annual theme, *My City: I'm Part of It, I'm Proud of It*, encourages cities to celebrate what makes their individual city, town or village great. To do so, municipalities plan a variety of events and activities throughout the week including city hall open houses, volunteer projects, citywide contests and more. Cities are also planning virtual events and activities this year due to COVID-19.

This year's campaign also encourages cities to incorporate tools and resources from "Building Stronger Cities," the League's new initiative from President Ortiz which officially launched earlier this month.

Created in 1990, Florida City Government Week is held every October and is one of the League's signature events. For more information on Florida City Government Week, visit *FlCityWeek.com*.

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Founded in 1922, the Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida's municipal governments. Its goals are to promote local self-government and serve the needs of Florida's cities, which are formed and governed by their

citizens. The League believes in "Local Voices Making Local Choices," which focuses on the impact citizens and city leaders have in improving Florida's communities. For more information, visit <u>flcities.com</u> .