

RESOLUTION 2010-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES SUPPORTING THE ACTIONS OF THE POLK TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SECURE DEDICATED LOCAL FUNDING FOR TRANSIT OPERATIONS, EQUIPMENT, AND FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, Polk County citizens and visitors have a need for increased transit choices; and

WHEREAS, public transit contributes to the employment opportunities for citizens and the economic growth of Lake Wales; and

WHEREAS, the local community has a responsibility for regional connectivity to create a more globally competitive community; and

WHEREAS, a referendum will be placed before Polk County voters to approve the Polk County, Charter County Transportation System Surtax; and

WHEREAS, this referendum will expand and enhance countywide public transit services for seniors, disabled, students and commuters, provide additional bus connections to high speed rail and bus connections to Tampa and Orlando; and

WHEREAS, this referendum will provide improved bus services and facilities for Lake Wales, Winter Haven, Lakeland, Bartow and the Highway 27 corridor; and

WHEREAS, this referendum will continue to fund essential existing services, so they do not have to be reduced or eliminated, and the money will be placed in a dedicated trust fund with spending monitored by a citizen oversight committee; and,

WHEREAS, this referendum on the 2010 General Election ballot presents an opportunity to invest in our community and County by providing a dedicated source of funding to operate and maintain a sustainable countywide transit system; and

WHEREAS, the transit referendum will fund further connectivity of businesses, communities and residents of Lake Wales and our region;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the **CITY OF LAKE WALES** recognizes a growing need to fund and enhance existing services and provide new transit services countywide, and supports the actions of the Polk Transit Authority and Board of County Commissioners to secure dedicated local funding for transit operations, equipment, and facilities.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Lake Wales City Commission, Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida, this 6th day of July 2010.



Mayor/Commissioner

ATTEST:



City Clerk