

**RESOLUTION 2011-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT REGARDING ACTION BY FLORIDA'S GOVERNOR  
& STATE LEGISLATURE TO END THE INTERNET SALES TAX LOOPHOLE**

**WHEREAS**, Florida's economy continues to struggle; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's small businesses form the backbone of our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, unlike Florida's small businesses, internet-only retailers are not required to collect sales taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, this wrongly puts the burden of reporting and remitting sales taxes on Florida consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, this tax loophole unfairly exposes consumers to unexpected tax liability; and

**WHEREAS**, this tax loophole effectively prohibits small businesses from competing on a level playing field against internet-only retailers, which enjoy special tax privileges; and

**WHEREAS**, it is unfair to extend special tax privileges to internet-only retailers at the expense of small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, a sale is a sale, whether it is made online or on Main Street; and

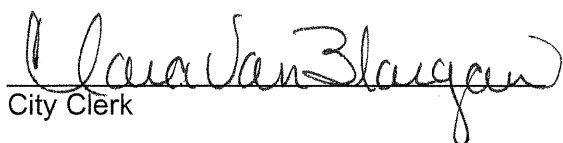
**WHEREAS**, the Governor and the State Legislature have the power to close this internet sales tax loophole; and

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** that the City of Lake Wales City Commission supports efforts to close the internet sales tax loophole and opposes this special tax treatment for internet-only retailers, which unfairly penalizes Florida-based small businesses.

**THIS RESOLUITON PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Lake Wales City Commission, Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2011.

  
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Mayor/Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk