The Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

Whereas, James Madison the father of our federal Constitution, wrote that "consent of the governed" requires that the people be able to "arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives;" and

Whereas, every citizen in our participatory democracy has an inherent right to access government meetings and public records; and

Whereas, an open and accessible government is vital to establishing and maintaining the people's trust and confidence in their government and in the government's ability to effectively serve its citizens; and

Whereas, the protection of every person's right of access to public records and government meetings is a high priority of both the Board of County Commissioners and the Lee County Clerk of Court; and

Whereas, the Office of the Lee County Clerk of Court and the Board of County Commissioners is committed to openness and transparency in all aspects of its operations and seeks to set a standard in this regard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida proclaims March 15, 2020 through March 21, 2020 as

**SUNSHINE WEEK**

in Lee County to commemorate the anniversary of James Madison's birth and encourages all citizens to visit Leeclerk.org to learn more about accessing public records and visit the Historical Document Library to learn Lee County's history.

Duly executed this 3rd day of March.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chairman