

**WAKULLA COUNTY  
RESOLUTION# \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DECLARING JULY 3, 2009 FREEDOM OF SPEECH DAY IN WAKULLA COUNTY**

**Whereas**, we as a nation of free people derive our basic rights and duties of citizenship from the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Florida, and

**Whereas**, our founding fathers so revered the free and unrestricted expression of ideas as a cornerstone of our democracy that they established it as a fundamental principle in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, and

**Whereas**, the State of Florida has enshrined this concept of freedom as a constitutional principle in Article I, section 4 by declaring that no law shall be passed to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press, and

**Whereas**, in our democracy all people are considered as equals before the law with all the rights of citizenship appertaining thereto, and

**Whereas**, this great nation of the United States of America recognizes these principles of freedom and liberty by celebrating our independence on July 4;

**And whereas**, it is altogether fitting and appropriate that in conjunction with this observance of our freedom and independence, the citizens of Wakulla County, Florida should recognize the right of free speech as expressed in the U.S. Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Florida as a fundamental principle of democracy applicable to all citizens and the conduct of governmental affairs in Wakulla County.

**Now therefore**, be it resolved this June 16, 2009 by the Board of Commissioners of Wakulla County that July 3, 2009 is recognized and declared as **Free Speech Day** in Wakulla County.

WAKULLA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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HOWARD KESSLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

APPROVE TO FORM:

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BRENT X. THURMOND, Clerk of Court

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RONALD A. MOWREY, Esquire