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**Town of Mansfield
TOWN COUNCIL**

Resolution Affirming Commitment to Open and Transparent Government

April 13, 2009

A Resolution AFFIRMING COMMITMENT TO OPEN AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT:

WHEREAS, the Mansfield Town Council has the authority to adopt resolutions and ordinances that pertain to the government and affairs of the Town;

WHEREAS, transparent is defined as "see through;" therefore, open and transparent government means that citizens are able to "see through" the workings of government;

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield has a long history of open government and the Town Council wishes to affirm its commitment to the principle of transparent and open government;

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield maintains an official website and government access television channel to enhance the access and delivery of government services and information to benefit citizens, business and employees;

WHEREAS, the website and government access television provide accessible forums in which to communicate information regarding Town government, including information concerning programs and services, budgeting, spending and policy;

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to provide policy guidance, financial and other support to ensure the further development of the Town website, government access television channel and other means to promote open and transparent government;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mansfield Town Council to refer the task of developing and recommending policy to promote and enhance open and transparent government, while maintaining a balance between open records and security, to the Personnel Committee with a goal for the Committee to present its recommendations to the Town Council by July 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mansfield Town Council to refer the task of developing and recommending policy to promote the establishment of a long-term, organization-wide strategy to enhance website access, organization and information to fulfill citizen and staff information needs, to the Communications Committee with a goal for the Committee to present its recommendations to the Town Council by October 2009.