

R E S O L U T I O N

TO PROVIDE, IN THE EVENT OF ATTACK UPON THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE CONTINUITY OF THE EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD IN BAY COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, BY THE DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICERS TO SERVE FOR THE DUTY ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD WHEN SUCH ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS ARE UNAVAILABLE.

WHEREAS, there exists the possibility of an attack upon the United States of unprecedented size and destructiveness, and

WHEREAS, as a result of such attack the duly elected or appointed officials of the City of Springfield may be unavailable to discharge the leadership, authority and responsibility of the office to which elected or appointed, and

WHEREAS, due to the almost certain disruption of communications and other services of government it may be impracticable because of the urgency of the situation to initiate and pursue the existing legal procedures for the election or appointment of successors to those officials UNAVAILABLE by reason of enemy attack, and

WHEREAS, it is considered imperative to provide for the effective operation of civil government under national emergency conditions to supply the necessary social services to survivors of the attack; to sustain morale; restore economic functions; resume essential production, and facilitate the earliest possible resumption of functions temporarily suspended through necessity, and

WHEREAS, HOUSE BILL NO. 669 (Chapter 59-447) Florida Legislature of 1959, enables political subdivisions of the State of Florida to provide through appropriate Resolution or Ordinance for emergency interim succession to public office to assure the

continuation of essential functions of the government of the City of Springfield under conditions of enemy attack,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD'S CITY COMMISSION IN BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA:

That in order to assure legally constituted leadership, authority and responsibility in the executive offices of the City of Springfield in the event of enemy attack, and to provide for the continuation of essential functions of civil government during such periods of emergency, the following procedures governing automatic interim emergency succession to office in the event of the UNAVAILABILITY of the duly elected or appointed officials are hereby established:

1. Each duly elected City Commissioner or other City Official shall designate, by title, if feasible, or by named person, not less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) emergency interim successors to his office and specify their order of succession.

2. It shall be incumbent upon each City Commissioner and other elected City Official to review and revise as necessary, the designations of emergency interim successors made pursuant to this resolution.

3. The Clerk of the City shall maintain in current status the list of designees for emergency interim succession to the elective offices of the City, and the order of their succession.

4. The emergency interim successor (designee) shall exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the office to which designated until such time as the vacancy created by the

UNAVAILABILITY of the regularly elected official shall be filled in accordance with the Constitution or applicable Statutes or until the elected official (or preceding designated emergency interim successor) again becomes available to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of his office.

5. Designated emergency interim successors are empowered to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the office to which designated ONLY AFTER AN ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES HAS OCCURRED and then ONLY by reason of the UNAVAILABILITY of the regular incumbent or the immediately preceding designated successor. Designated emergency interim successors are retained on the official roster of successors and in the established order of their succession at the pleasure of the designating authority, who may amend or revise such roster with or without cause.

6. Designated emergency interim successors shall upon designation take the same oath of office as prescribed for the duly elected official with the further stipulation that the designee shall be empowered to exercise the powers and duties of such office only in the event of the UNAVAILABILITY of the duly elected incumbent, or the immediately preceding successor, following enemy attack on the United States. No other oath of office shall be required for succession to the office under the conditions stated herein.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted in regular session this 5th day of November, 1962.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

BY: *W. L. Barto* Mayor

ATTEST:

William L. Barto
City Clerk