CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 06-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, PROCLAIMING JANUARY 22-28, 2006 AS "HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS WEEK"

WHEREAS, the safe use of hazardous materials is essential to citizens, business, industry and local governments to maintain economic stability and the public health; and

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield recognizes the importance of protecting our communities from both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials and joins the Governor of Florida, State Emergency Response Commission and Florida's eleven Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) in carrying out state and federal duties to publicly promote statewide hazardous materials safety; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to increase community preparedness so that both public-sector and private-sector employees know how to safely protect themselves and those for whom they are responsible during an accidental or deliberate release of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, the LEPC offers awareness level hazardous materials emergency response training for firefighters, emergency medical, law enforcement and other public safety personnel as well as Shelter In-Place presentations by request to community groups, businesses, schools and the general public as a means of increasing safety in the event of a release; and

WHEREAS, citizens need to know that emergency responders, emergency management, all levels of government, schools and businesses are working together to ensure that our communities are as prepared as possible to protect all citizens from both accidental and deliberate releases of hazardous materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, that the week of January 22 – 28, 2006 be observed as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week to hheighten public recognition of efforts to safeguard the community from hazardous materials and to acknowledge the unique public participation component of the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the chief elected officials of jurisdictions within the Region 1 LEPC.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED in regular Session of the Commission of the City of Springfield, this the 3rd Day of January, 2006.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

Robert E. Walker, Mayor

ATTEST:

H.C. Hubbard, City Clerk