

TOWN OF  
MAGNOLIA SPRINGS

RESOLUTION 2010-02

Supporting Passage of the Temporary One-Cent Sales Tax to Maintain Educational Programs and Services in the Baldwin County Public Schools

**WHEREAS,** the correlation between strong, well-funded schools and thriving, prosperous communities is demonstrated daily across our nation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Baldwin County Board of Education has been responsive to recent calls from elected officials and local residents to provide new facilities and innovative instructional programs to meet the demands of rapid growth and higher public and governmental expectations; and

**WHEREAS,** the Baldwin County Board of Education made continuous financial progress through 2008, earning top bond ratings and accumulating over \$22 million in reserve funds by the end of that fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS,** since that time, a perfect storm of plummeting property values, extended retail losses and an unprecedented shortfall in state funding has wiped out those reserves and left our public schools to operate this year with \$61 million less than in 2008; and

**WHEREAS,** failure to pass the proposed temporary, one-cent sales tax would result in irredeemable losses to educational and economic development opportunities over the coming years as well as higher dropout and unemployment rates, lower property values and a widely diminished civic reputation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Magnolia Springs Town Council supports the March 23, 2010 ballot measure to provide approximately \$25 million annually over the next three years to maintain needed teachers, administrators and programs which promote student safety and academic success.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Magnolia Springs Town Council encourages the citizens of Magnolia Springs and all of Baldwin County to vote in favor or providing a short-term financial remedy that will keep school doors open, teachers in their classrooms and our children on a level playing field with others across the state.

Adopted this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010



Charles S. Houser – Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk