

SUNSHINE WEEK OPEN GOVERNMENT PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, James Madison, the father of our federal Constitution, wrote that "consent of the governed" requires that the people be able to "arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives," and

WHEREAS, every citizen in our participatory democracy has an inherent right to access to government meetings and public records; and

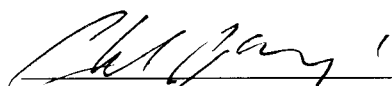
WHEREAS, an open and accessible government is vital to establishing and maintaining the people's trust and confidence in their government and in the government's ability to effectively serve its citizens; and

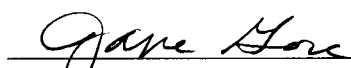
WHEREAS, the protection of every person's right of access to public records and government meetings is a high priority of the Town Council of Nashville, Indiana, and

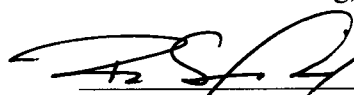
WHEREAS, the Nashville Town Council is committed to openness and transparency in all aspects of operations and seek to set a standard in this regard:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Nashville Town Council commits during this Sunshine Week, commemorating the anniversary of James Madison's birth, and throughout the year, to work diligently to enhance the public's access to government records and information, to increase information provided electronically and online, to respond to requests for information in accordance with Indiana law and the guidelines of the Indiana Public Access Counselor, and to ensure that all meetings of deliberative bodies under its jurisdiction, and their committees, are fully noticed and open to the public. In addition, the Nashville Town Council commits that, if and when Indiana state law no longer requires publication of budgets in the local newspaper, the Council will ensure all budgets of units under its authority are published on the Town website, and that paper copies are available for review.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE SIGN THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH, 2015


Charles "Buzz" King, President


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