

CITY OF WORCESTER

RESOLVED:

WHEREAS, March 11-17, 2012 is recognized as Sunshine Week throughout the country and our Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, freedom of information is essential for a healthy democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Worcester City Council is strongly in support of greater citizen participation in Worcester's civic life; and

WHEREAS, the Worcester City Council believes public records law and open government must be supported and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts public records law has not been substantially updated since its initial passage in 1973; and

WHEREAS, the public records laws of the Commonwealth should be updated for the digital age and an eye toward the technological changes of the last forty years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the City Council of the City of Worcester hereby supports the passage of state legislation to promote freedom of information, open government, and accessible public records, including measures to minimize the costs of accessing public records and improve the use of information technology to make government information publicly accessible.

In City Council

March 13, 2012

Resolution adopted by a ye and nay vote of Eleven Yeas and No Nays

A Copy. Attest:



**David J. Rushford
City Clerk**