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# City government plays a big role in our lives

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By proclamation presented Oct. 12, the city of Winter Haven joins other cities across the state to observe Florida City Government Week, today through Saturday.

Take time this week to recognize the many services city government provides and its contribution to improving the quality of life for all Florida residents.

This year's theme, "My City: I'm Part of It, I'm Proud of It," acknowledges the role citizens play in making all cities great.

City government is real government of, by and for the people. Elected city government officials - those who make decisions about your community - are your neighbors, business owners and community leaders. City government is administered for and by its citizens and is dependent upon public commitment and involvement to carry out its responsibilities.

All citizens deserve the right and need to be aware of the huge impact local government decision-making has on our lives. By recognizing Florida City government Week, the city encourages all citizens to learn more about the form of government that most affects their daily lives.

During this week, please join us as we pay tribute to the role city government plays from public safety and trash collection, to promoting our community's culture and recreation. Learn more about your city and how it works for you.

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