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Our system of open government is a valued and intrinsic part of the heritage of our state. Each day, Floridians use these laws to inform themselves as citizens, to attend government meetings and to review government records. As a result of these efforts, government leaders can be held accountable for their actions.

The Founding Fathers of our country recognized this fundamental truth during our nation's infancy and it remains just as valid today. As James Madison said:

"Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."

Florida is nationally recognized for its strong support for government in the sunshine and this commitment is reflected in our statutes and Constitution. As Attorney General, I remain committed to the principles of transparency embodied in these laws and the benefits they secure for our state.

This year's edition of the Government in the Sunshine Manual incorporates laws, judicial decisions, and Attorney General opinions in place as of October 1, 2022. Additional information about Florida's Sunshine Laws, including answers to frequently asked questions, is available through the Office of the Attorney General's Internet homepage, which may be reached at myfloridalegal.com.

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