RESOLUTION NO. (2011) -

A RESOLUTION INDICATING THE INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO CREATE AN OPEN GOVERNMENT BY ENCOURAGING THE USE OF OPEN SOURCE SYSTEMS AND ENSURING OPEN ACCESS TO PUBLIC DATA

WHEREAS, the City of Raleigh is committed to using technology to foster open, transparent, and accessible government; and

WHEREAS, by sharing data freely, the City of Raleigh seeks to develop opportunities for economic development, commerce, increased investment and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of open standards improves transparency, access to public information, and improved coordination and efficiencies among organizations across the public, non-profit and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, open source standards harnesses the power of distributed peer review and transparency to create high-quality, secure and easily integrated software at an accelerated pace and lower cost; and

WHEREAS, the City of Raleigh seeks to encourage the local software community to develop software applications and tools to collect, organize and share public data in new and innovative ways that benefit both citizens and government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH:

Section l. That the City of Raleigh Information Technology department will establish an open systems procurement policy that will include specifications in future Requests for Proposals (RFP) to encourage technology solutions with an open source licensing model which store and expose public data using industry-standard and open protocols.

Section 2. The City of Raleigh will establish an open data website at www.raleighnc.gov/open that will serve as an open data catalog of the data available from the City of Raleigh in open formats.