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AG Moody Recognizes National Sunshine Week

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—In recognition of National Sunshine Week, Attorney General Ashley Moody is asking Floridians to review the 2020 Government-in-the-Sunshine Manual. The manual is available to download for free on Attorney General Moody's website. The manual has assisted citizens, journalists and government agencies for many decades in understanding the requirements and exemptions of Florida's open government laws. The manual is written by the Attorney General's Office and printed through a 42-year partnership with the Florida First Amendment Foundation.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Citizens deserve to know how their government is being run. Sunshine laws were put in place for this purpose, to hold government and elected leaders accountable to citizens. Our state's public meetings and public records laws serve as a shining example of how transparency and accountability can help create a fair, responsive system of government."

The 2020 edition of the Sunshine Manual incorporates laws, judicial decisions and Attorney General opinions in place as of Oct. 1, 2019. Additional information about Florida's open government laws, including answers to frequently asked questions, is available at <u>MyFloridaLegal.com</u>.

The manual is available online, for free, and can be accessed here.

For additional information on open government in Florida, please call the Attorney General's Special Counsel for Open Government Pat Gleason at 1(850) 245-0140.

Gleason leads Attorney General Moody's Mediation Program that assists in resolving public access disputes.