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Mr. Jeff Cole County Manager Lake County Board of County Commissioners 315 W. Main Street Tavares, FL 32778

Re: DEO Infrastructure Grant Application Round Lake Road Extension Design and Utilities

Dear Mr. Cole:

Please accept this letter of support for the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Infrastructure Grant Application for Round Lake Road Design and Utilities. The City of Mount Dora and Lake County have been working in partnership for almost two decades associated the construction of the Wekiva Parkway (State Road 453/429), land use master plans for the Wolf Branch Innovation District, and create economic vitality for Northeast Lake County and the City of Mount Dora. This partnership has been a productive enterprise to date.

Since the inception of the Wekiva Parkway the City and County has had a shared vision for an employment center full of high wage jobs for our residents at the terminus of State Road 453/429, along SR 46 and Round Lake Road, while maintaining the unique character of Northeast Lake County. Lake County and the City of Mount Dora partnered with Duke Energy for their Site Readiness Assessment of 265 acres of the Summer Lake Grace property within the Wolf Branch Innovation District boundary in July of 2017. McCallum Sweeney, the consultant hired by Duke Energy to evaluate the site rated it as an "A" site for future development. The challenge with this site as McCallum Sweeney cited was the access from Round Lake Road.

With the opening of the Wekiva Parkway, it is critical that Round Lake Road is improved and extended to meet the increased traffic demands and future growth for this region. The City of Mount Dora supports Lake County's Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Infrastructure Grant Application.

Please don't hesitate to contact the City if we can assist with project as you move forward with the grant proposal.

Respectfully,

Mayor Nick Girone