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## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Highlands County Economic Development Commission is soliciting applications for members of the Enterprise Zone Development Agency (EZDA). If you are interested in becoming a voting member of this group, please contact Dan Murphy or Joy Running at (863) 385-1025 for an application. Application deadline is May 22, 2009.

The following Florida Statute addresses membership of an EZDA board:

### **<sup>1</sup>290.0056 Enterprise zone development agency (in part)**

2) ... The governing body may appoint at least one representative from each of the following: the local chamber of commerce; local financial or insurance entities; local businesses and, where possible, businesses operating within the nominated area; the residents residing within the nominated area; nonprofit community-based organizations operating within the nominated area; the regional workforce board; the local code enforcement agency; and the local law enforcement agency. The terms of office of the commissioners shall be for 4 years. The importance of including individuals from the nominated area shall be considered in making appointments. Further, the importance of minority representation on the agency shall be considered in making appointments so that the agency generally reflects the gender and ethnic composition of the community as a whole.