

**RESOLUTION 2009 - 2744**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE A COPY TO THE GOVERNOR, FDOT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

I, Debra R. Buff, City Clerk of the City of Belle Glade, Florida, do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution No. 2009-2744, which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk. Certified this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2009.

  
Debra R. Buff, CMC,  
City Clerk

**WHEREAS**, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Palm County; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

**WHEREAS**, improved mobility is highly desired in Palm Beach County, Belle Glade and throughout the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

**WHEREAS**, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, THAT:**


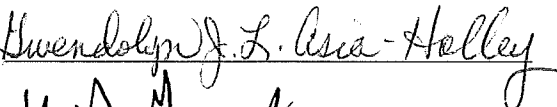


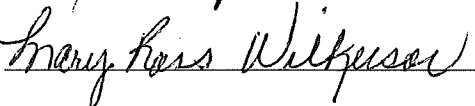
Section 1. The City of Belle Glade requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor, State of Florida, The Capitol, 400 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001; Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos, Secretary of Transportation, Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399; and Michael J. Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, 421 SW Camden Avenue, Stuart, Florida 34994.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

**DONE AND RESOLVED** at Regular Session of the City Commission of the City of Belle Glade, Florida, held on the 15th day of June, 2009.

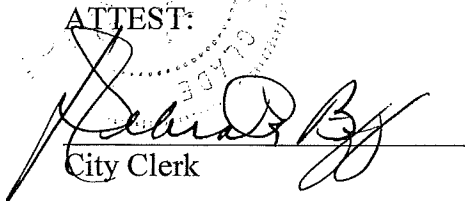
**CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA**

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Mayor Wilson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Commissioner Grear, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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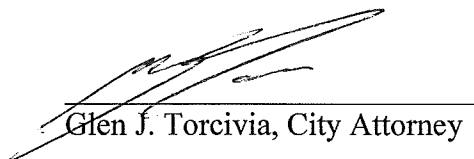
DONE AND RESOLVED at Regular Session of the City Commission of the City of Belle Glade, Florida, this 15th day of June, 2009.

(MUNICIPAL SEAL)

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

  
Glen J. Torcivia, City Attorney