

**RESOLUTION  
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FELLSMERE, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, 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; PROVING FOR RATIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**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 Fellsmere; 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 Fellsmere 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 Council of the City of Fellsmere Indian River County, Florida, 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 1. RATIFICATION. The above recitals are hereby ratified, confirmed and adopted.

SECTION 2. CONFLICT. All previous resolutions or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, to the extent of such conflict, as superseded and repealed.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Council Member Herrera. The motion was seconded by Council Member Savage and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor, Susan P. Adams	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Fernando Herrera	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Joel Tyson	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Sara J. Savage	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Daniel Naranjo	<u>Yes</u>

16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009. The Mayor thereupon declared this Resolution duly passed and adopted this

CITY OF FELLSMERE, FLORIDA  
Susan P. Adams  
Susan P. Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Deborah C. Krages  
Deborah C. Krages, City Clerk  
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