

RESOLUTION 09-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGLER COUNTY PALM COAST HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION 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.

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WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to areas such as Flagler County- specifically the City of Bunnell, the seat of Flagler County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad, such as a station in the City of Bunnell 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 along Florida's east coast and through the City of Bunnell and Flagler County; 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, Amtrack is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrack service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses, specifically for those throughout Flagler County; 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, which would be of great assistance to the unemployed workers throughout Flagler County; 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 Amtrack and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrack service on the FEC corridor;

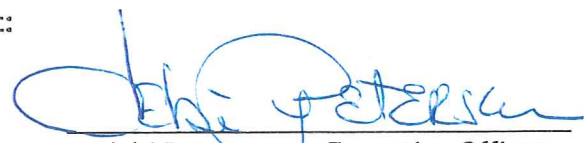
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Flagler County Palm Coast Home Builders Association requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrack/EC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus Package for the State of Florida.

The President of the Flagler County Palm Coast Home Builders Association thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009.

Attest:

  
Luis Medeiros                      President

  
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