

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-15

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENACRES, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE SECRETARY OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 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; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL OF COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing and providing rail connections to urban areas like West Palm Beach, the largest city in Palm Beach County and the county seat; 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 the City of Greenacres, Palm Beach County, and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, passenger rail, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout 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; and

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

WHEREAS, prior work by Amtrak and FDOT included plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor; and

WHEREAS, significant countywide tax dollars have been invested in facilities in downtown West Palm Beach, such as the Palm Beach County Convention Center, that would benefit from the improved intra-state and inter-state access that Amtrak service on the FEC corridor would provide; and

WHEREAS, aspects of the improvement of the FEC corridor for use by Amtrak between Jacksonville and West Palm Beach will also facilitate rail transit access to Jupiter where significant countywide and statewide tax dollars have been invested in the Scripps project and such access will provide economic opportunity for the residents of the City of Greenacres.

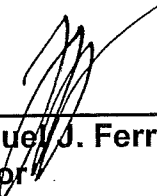
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENACRES, FLORIDA, THAT:

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

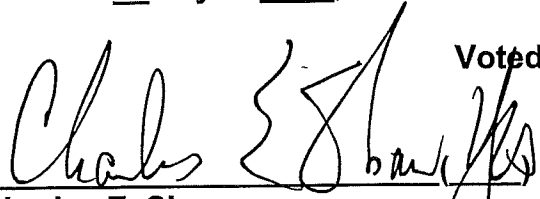
Section 2. The City Council of the City of Greenacres authorizes copies of this Resolution to be sent to Governor Charlie Crist, FDOT Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos, and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Executive Director Michael Busha.

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

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of June, 2009.

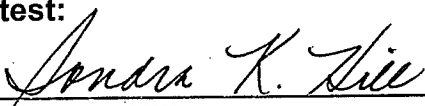


Samuel J. Ferreri
Mayor

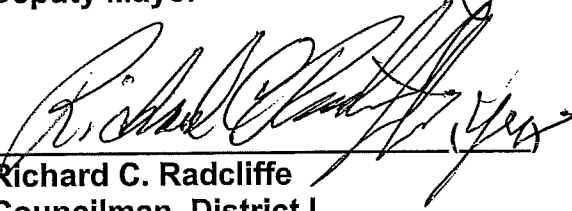


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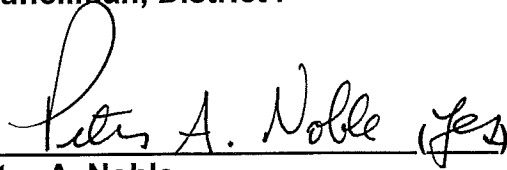
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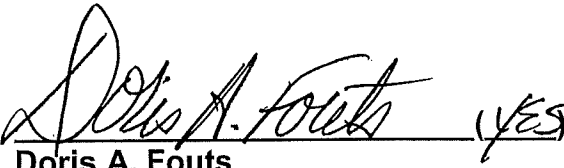
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City Clerk



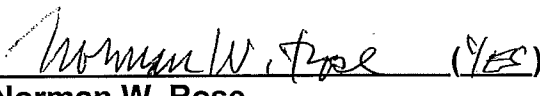
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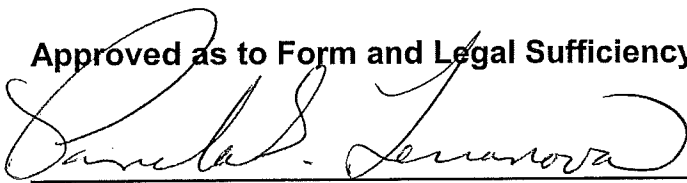


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