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RESOLUTION NO. 16-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER, 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.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) railroad corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Town of Jupiter; 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 the Town of Jupiter 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

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

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

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

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

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13 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE**
14 **TOWN OF JUPITER:**

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16 The Town Council of the Town of Jupiter requests the assistance of Governor Crist and
17 FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville
18 to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

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The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice-Mayor Todd R. Wodraska, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by, Councilor Robert M. Friedman, and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
MAYOR KAREN J. GOLONKA	X	_____
VICE-MAYOR TODD R. WODRASKA	X	_____
COUNCILOR ROBERT M. FRIEDMAN	X	_____
COUNCILOR WENDY HARRISON	X	_____
COUNCILOR JIM KURETSKI	X	_____

The Mayor thereupon declared the foregoing Resolution 16-09 duly passed and adopted this 7th day of April, 2009.

ATTEST:




 SALLY M. BOYLAN, CMC
 TOWN CLERK

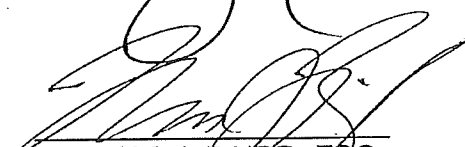
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TOWN OF JUPITER, FLORIDA

BY: 

 KAREN J. GOLONKA
 MAYOR



 THOMAS J. BAIRD, ESQ.
 Approved as to form and
 legal sufficiency