

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-068R**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE OSCEOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRACK 2 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AMTRAK SERVICE BETWEEN JACKSONVILLE AND MIAMI ON FLORIDA'S EAST COAST RAILROAD THROUGH THE HIGH SPEED INTERCITY RAIL PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States, Barack Obama, proposes a new vision to help address the Nation's Transportation challenges by investing in an efficient, high-speed passenger rail network; and

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, Ray LaHood; and Congressman John Mica and Congresswoman Corrine Brown are working in support of a High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) submitted a pre-application for to the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund the development of Florida's High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System as outlined in the High-Speed Rail Strategic Plan published by the Federal Railroad Administration in April 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, improved passenger rail from Jacksonville to Miami will connect to South Florida's Tri-Rail system, and will become an integral part of Florida's balanced transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, concurrent development of improvements to other passenger rail and bus transit will greatly enhance the mobility of the traveling public within the fourth most populous state in the union; and

**WHEREAS**, passenger service on the Florida East Coast corridor between Jacksonville and Miami was discontinued in 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, Osceola County is committed to championing a multi-modal transportation system throughout all of Florida, that will contribute significantly to enhancing the vitality and quality of life for all those who visit and live in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, improving passenger rail between Jacksonville and Miami will support the effort of Governor Crist's Energy and Climate Change Action Plan, established by Executive Order 07-128, with ambitious goals for reducing statewide green house gas emissions.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners, that Osceola County supports the Florida High Speed Rail Program for Track 2 funding within the ARRA High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program for the Florida East Coast service.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners, this 17th day of August, 2009.

**OSCEOLA COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

~~Chairman/Vice-Chairman~~

**ATTEST:**

*Paula J. Carpenter*  
CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK



8/18/09 *Chairman*