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 greenhouse 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/Alice Chairman

ATTEST:

Paula J. Carpenter
CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK

8/18/09 Chairman