

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE RESTORATION OF PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE THROUGHOUT NORTH FLORIDA AND THE GULF COAST REGION.

**WHEREAS**, In August 2005, passenger rail service east of New Orleans, LA was suspended due to catastrophic damages caused by Hurricane Katrina; and

**WHEREAS**, October 16, 2008, the "Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008" was enacted requiring Amtrak's Gulf Coast Service Plan Report; and

**WHEREAS**, the reinstatement of passenger rail service will greatly benefit business, mobility, and exchange across North Florida and the Gulf Coast Region; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments in Leon County have invested a considerable amount of tax funds toward the improvement of the local service station area with the development of Cascades Park and the Gaines Street revitalization project.

**WHEREAS**, the Leon County Board of County Commissioners recognize the need for alternative modes of travel for commercial and recreational purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, Leon County seeks to reduce the reliance on single occupancy automobile travel; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, that:**

1. The Gulf Coast Service Plan would favorably impact and enhance local economic development efforts and alternative modes of travel for commercial and recreation purposes.
2. Leon County supports the restoration of regional and transcontinental passenger rail connectivity throughout North Florida and the Gulf Coast Region.
3. Leon County strongly urges Congress to pursue the restoration of the Gulf Coast Service Plan and adequately appropriate funds for the capital and ongoing operating costs.
4. Leon County understands the shared responsibility to improve and/or maintain the suspended service stations in order to implement passenger rail service in a timely fashion.

DONE AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of September 2009.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bryan Desloge, Chairman  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

BOB INZER, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Herbert W. A. Thiele  
County Attorney