

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mariner Sands Country Club (MSCC) is a long-established community of 771 families in Martin County who are entitled to the quiet use and enjoyment of their home, and,

WHEREAS, MSCC members contribute significantly to the economic and social fabric of Martin County, and,

WHEREAS, the safety, economic vitality and quality of life of all Martin County residents are of great concern to our members, and,

WHEREAS, Florida East Coast Railway (FECR) has announced plans to establish passenger rail service, known as All Aboard Florida, on its rail lines bordering our community, and,

WHEREAS, this passenger rail service is planned to add 32 high speed trains daily to the existing rail service, and,

WHEREAS, MSCC believes this added rail traffic will adversely impact:

1. the quiet enjoyment of our community
2. the safety of our residents and all residents of Martin County
3. the ecological environment of the areas surrounding the rail lines
4. the economic well being of our region, and,

WHEREAS, FECR has demonstrated a lack of interest or concern for the well being and safety of Florida residents who would be adversely impacted by this additional rail traffic, and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors of MSCC, acting on behalf of its members, opposes the planned actions of FECR and wishes to take action to stop the planned additional rail traffic due to its negative impact on residents living or working along the FECR tracks,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. A committee is formed to develop and implement a strategy to oppose the expansion of rail traffic by FECR and thereby prohibit the detrimental impact on the residents of Mariner Sands Country Club, Martin County, and all other communities that would be adversely impacted by the added rail traffic.

2. The committee is authorized to take the following action:
 - a. Identify and work with local governments and other interested clubs and organizations in our efforts to oppose FECR.
 - b. Develop and present to the Board a plan to raise funds from our members to oppose FECR.
 - c. Acting solely on behalf of MSCC or in concert with local governments, other clubs and/or organizations, recommend to the Board who to engage for professional assistance to oppose FECR by using MSCC funds authorized by the Board and/or those raised by member contributions and administered by MSCC for this purpose.

3. The committee will report regularly to the Board of Governors and MSCC members on its progress in meeting its objectives.